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HELD AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

A. D. 1915.

THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK met, in accordance with appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Batavia, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 19th, 1915, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. and was opened with devotional exercises and a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. WALTER ROCKWOOD FERRIS, from Matthew 13:51: "Jesus said unto them 'Have ye understood all these things?' And they said, 'Yea, Lord.'"

After the sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer.

Upon the report of the Permanent Committee on Enrollment, the following ministers and elders were recognized as duly appointed delegates, and their names were entered upon the Roll of Synod:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

(The figures in brackets after any name indicate the day of session of Synod, after the first day, when the delegate was enrolled.)

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.

George K. Fraser, (2)
William H. Stubblebine,
Louis F. Mayle,
George M. Gordon,
James C. Dorward,
Walter D. Strangeway.

Elders.

Lucius L. Streeter, (2)
Edward A. Stewart, (2)
David C. Herrick.

II. BINGHAMTON.

Henry Didama Smith,
A. Mason Brown.

Jesse C. Hillis,
Matthew E. Chilson,
Sidney H. Latham.

III. BROOKLYN.

John J. McDonald,
Harry S. Zimmerman,
Robert W. Anthony,
Louis Wolfers,
U. Laverne Mackey.

Thomas Norris,
Charles P. Oakley, (2)
Charles W. Seymour,
Wm. N. Decker,
Geo. P. Conard,
Condit C. Schenck.

IV. BUFFALO.

Greeley H. Orvis, (2)
F. Hyatt Smith,
David R. Jones,
Henry Ward,
William H. Boocock, (2)
Oliphant Gibbons.

John MacLeay,
William M. Wheeler,
John S. Chittenden,
John Festus Jervart.

V. CAYUGA.

Herbert M. Moore,
William H. Perry,
John P. Stanziani. (2)

Lewis S. Marvin.

VI. CHAMPLAIN.

Hilton R. Campbell.

Edmund S. Horton,
Gaius A. Harmon.

VII. CHEMUNG.

R. Lew Williams,
T. Johnson Bolger.

Fred R. Bentley,
M. Henry Gray.

VIII. COLUMBIA.

Christopher G. Hazard.

Herbert Bogardis.

IX. GENESEE.

Stanley Upton Mock,
Evan Merion Jones.

William W. Christie.

X. GENEVA.

Joseph H. France,
William W. Weller.

Lucius L. Van Slyke.

XI HUDSON.

Francis S. Haines,
Walter Lowrie Ritter,
Emmet Sloat,
Edward B. Shaw.James B. Graham,
Merrit E. Dunning,
Theo. G. Clark,
Wm. L. Hunter.

XII. LONG ISLAND.

William S. C. Webster,
George J. Russell, (2)
Arthur Newman.Marcus E. Griffin,
F. Willis Edwards.
George E. Penny.

XIII. LYONS.

Theodore S. Day,
Luther A. Ostrander. (2)

Oscar J. Frost.

XIV. NASSAU.

Arthur C. Watkins,
Arthur H. Rennie.

John M. Baxter

XV. NEW YORK.

Duncan J. McMillan,
 George S. Webster,
 John R. MacKay, (3)
 Albert Dale Gantz,
 Harold S. Rambo,
 Arthur H. Limouze,
 Tertius Van Dyke,
 James Cromie,
 Francesco Pirazzini.

John A. Park,
 James L. Beyea, (2)
 R. Llewellyn Rees, (2)
 John Davidson, (2)
 James Anderson, (2)
 William Y. Jack,
 George Doull.

XVI. NIAGARA.

Herbert H. Brown,
 William Excell, (2)
 Fenwick B. Fraser.

Abram W. Gray,
 Benj. Johnson, (2)

XVII. NORTH RIVER.

R. C. Dodds,
 George H. Scofield.

George P. DuBois,
 Hoyt Sheriger, (2)

XVIII. OTSEGO.

Edward C. Petrie, (2)
 Vaclao P. Bachora,
 Albert L. Evans.

William H. Bagg,
 Robert J. Blair.

XIX. ROCHESTER.

Branden Greenway, (2)
 Charles N. Frost,
 Oscar D. Brown Back,
 Frank W. Hill,
 Alex D. D. Fraser,
 J. Canfield Van Doren.

Albert E. Leach, (2)
 John S. Ford, (2)
 Thomas Dransfield,
 Geo. E. Covert.

XX. ST. LAWRENCE.

C. Edward Fay,
Robert B. Perine,
Henry S. Huntington, Jr.

Frank Green. (2)

XXI. STEUBEN.

Joel C. Glover, (2)
Frank E. Hoyt, (2)
George H. Wilkins.

Clarence H. Noble, (2)
Simon Smith, (2)
Albert H. Rodgers,
William E. Bayless. (2)

XXII. SYRACUSE.

Walter R. Ferris,
Kenneth B. Wells,
John N. Steele.

Alman Bristol. (2)

XXIII. TROY.

James G. Carlile,
H. Edward Jones,
James A. Pratt, (2)
Sisag K. Emurian. (2)

Edward W. Arms,
Fred G. Selch. (2)

XXIV. UTICA.

Samuel A. Freeman,
B. Van Vliet Putnam,
Louis G. Colson, (2)
Peter McKenzie, (2)
Arthur J. Wyman. (2)

Arthur Hay,
Frank W. Kirkland,
Robert Gage, (2)
Handley W. Bushnell,
George Gregor. (2)

XXV. WESTCHESTER.

Robert P. Gibson,
William J. Cumming,

Ralph E. Prime,
Thomas T. Hill,

Walter L. Steiner, (2). John C. Rockwell.
Lewis Gaston Leary,
Charles L. Carhart.

The REV. ARTHUR NEWMAN of the Presbytery of Long Island was chosen Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

REV. HARRY S. ZIMMERMAN of the Presbytery of Brooklyn and ELDER J. CORWIN JACKS of the Presbytery of Genesee were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Addresses of welcome were made by his Honor, DR. H. J. BURKHART, Mayor of the City, REV. CYRUS A. JOHNSON, Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church and Dean of the Clergy of Batavia, and MR. LEWIS D. COLLINS, a member of the Session of the entertaining Church.

REV. STANLEY U. MOCK, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, presented a report and proposed Docket and recommended its adoption as the order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The report was received and it was so ordered.

Synod adjourned, until nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and after a half hour of devotional exercises was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following telegram was presented and ordered sent:

"To the Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Geneva, N. Y.:

The Synod of New York in session at Batavia, extends its fraternal greetings in your illness and enforced absence, praying for your speedy recovery.

See Romans 15:13.

(Signed) DANIEL A. FERGUSON,
Permanent Clerk, on behalf of Synod."

The following order made by the Retiring Moderator relating to the office of Stated Clerk was read and adopted and confirmed by Synod:

Batavia, N. Y., October 19, 1915.

I, Walter Rockwood Ferris, Moderator of the Synod of New York, do hereby appoint Ralph E. Prime to be Acting Stated Clerk of the Synod of New York, and to perform the duties of such stated Clerk during the incapacity by reason of sickness of Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, the actual Stated Clerk, until Synod may act in the matter.

WALTER ROCKWOOD FERRIS.

Delegates not previously enrolled, marked (2) were reported present and were now declared enrolled.

The Moderator announced that he had appointed the Rev. Stanley U. Mock as Vice Moderator and the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—Walter Rockwood Ferris, F. Hyatt Smith, Alexander D. D. Frazier, Wm. J. Cumming, Tertius Van Dyke, Joseph H. France, Samuel A. Freeman, George M. Gordon.

Elders—Jesse C. Hillis, Marcus E. Griffin, Charles W. Seymour, Edmund S. Horton, Merritt E. Dunning, Thomas Dransfield, Lucius L. Van Slyke.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—William W. Weller, Charles N. Frost, R. C. Dodds, Robert B. Perine, Francis S. Haines, William H. Stubblevine, John J. McDonald, Charles L. Carhart.

Elders—Arthur Hay, Edward W. Arms, John S. Chittenden, Albert H. Rodgers, Albert E. Leach, John M. Baxter, Fred R. Bentley.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ministers—J. Canfield Van Doren, Henry S. Huntington, Jr., Henry Didama Smith.

Elders—John Davidson, Condit C. Schenck.

4. FINANCE:

Ministers—George P. Conard, George Gregor, Robert J. Blair, George P. DuBois, John A. Park.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ministers—W. S. C. Webster, D. A. Ferguson, Harry S. Zimmerman, Stanley U. Mock.

Elders—Ralph E. Prime, J. Corwin Jacks, David C. Herrick, Herbert Bogardus, Matthew E. Chilson.

6. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE:

Ministers—George S. Webster, Herbert H. Brown, George H. Schofield, R. Lew Williams, Albert L. Evans.

Elders—Thomas T. Hill, Frank W. Kirkland, William H. Bagg, Abraham W. Gray.

7. NOMINATION OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD:

Ministers—Duncan J. McMillan, Henry Ward, Arthur C. Watkins, Frank W. Hill, C. Edward Fay.

Elders—James B. Graham, F. Willis Edwards, John C. Rockwell, Handley W. Bushnell.

8. COMMITTEE TO COLLATE REPORTS ON THE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES:

Ministers—Christopher G. Hazard, Arthur H. Rennie, Theodore S. Day.

Elders—George E. Covert, Sidney H. Latham.

ON MINUTES OF PRESBYTERIES

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—Lewis Gaston Leary, Walter L. Steiner; *Elder*—John C. Rockwell.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—Samuel A. Freeman, B. Van Vliet Putnam; *Elder*—Frank W. Kirkland.

3. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—H. Edward Jones, James G. Carlile; *Elder*—Edward W. Arms.

4. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—Walter R. Ferris, Kenneth B. Wells; *Elder*—Albert E. Leach.

5. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—George H. Wilkins, Robert B. Perine; *Elder*—Albert H. Rodgers.

6. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—C. Edward Fay, Henry S. Huntington, Jr.; *Elder*—Frank Green.

7. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—Oscar D. Brownback, Frank W. Hill; *Elder*—Thomas Dransfield.

8. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—Vaclao P. Backora, Albert L. Evans; *Elder*—William H. Bagg.

9. GENESEE: *Ministers*—R. C. Dodds, George H. Schofield; *Elder*—George P. DuBois.

10. GENEVA: *Ministers*—William Excell, B. F. Frazier; *Elder*—Abraham W. Gray.

11. HUDSON: *Ministers*—Harold S. Rambo, Arthur H. Limonze; *Elder*—William Y. Jack.
12. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—James Cromie, Francisco Pirazini; *Elder*—James Anderson.
13. LYONS: *Ministers*—Arthur C. Watkins, Arthur H. Rennie; *Elder*—John M. Baxter.
14. NASSAU: *Ministers*—George J. Russell, W. S. C. Webster; *Elder*—George E. Penny.
15. NEW YORK: *Ministers*—Emmet Sloat, Walter Lowry Ritter; *Elder*—Theodore G. Clark.
16. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—Joseph H. France, William W. Weller; *Elder*—Lucius L. Van Slyke.
17. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Evan M. Jones, Stanley U. Mock; *Elder*—William W. Christie.
18. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—Theodore S. Day, Christopher G. Hazard; *Elder*—Herbert Bogardus.
19. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, Hilton R. Campbell; *Elder*—Gaius A. Harmon.
20. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*, Herbert M. Moore, William H. Perry; *Elder*—Fred R. Bentley.
21. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—David R. Jones, Oliphant Gibbons; *Elder*—John Festus Jervart.
22. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Robert W. Anthony, Louis W. Wolferz; *Elder*—Thomas Norris.
23. TROY: *Ministers*—Henry Didama Smith, A. Mason Brown; *Elder*—Jesse C. Hillis.
24. UTICA: *Ministers*—Louis F. Mayle, William H. Stubblebine; *Elder*—David C. Herrick.
25. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—James C. Dorward, Walter D. Strangeway; *Elder*, William N. Decker.

The Acting Stated Clerk presented the following papers:

An Invitation from the Churches of Newburgh to hold the next session of Synod in that City.

Also an invitation from the First Church of Watertown to the same effect.

These invitations were referred to the Committee on the Place of Meeting in 1916.

Also a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and it was referred to Synod's representative in the Home Mission Council.

Also a communication from the Board of Freedmen, which was referred to the Committee on that Board.

Also a report from the Woman's Committee on Home Missions, and it was referred to the Committee on Nomination of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.

Also the following overtures all of which were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

1. A paper relating to Mormonism.
2. An overture from the Presbytery of Long Island concerning the affiliation of the New York Sabbath Committee with the Lord's Day Alliance.
3. An overture on the Mormon question.
4. A paper relating to National Prohibition.
5. An overture from the Presbytery of Long Island concerning the observance of its Bi-centennial.
6. An overture from the Church of Victory requesting its transfer to Cayuga Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented by the Chairman REV. LEW WILLIAMS. It was received and its recommendations as follows:

1. That in view of the vital character, of the work of the Board of Education, its widely diversified responsibilities, and especially its generous provision for pastoral supervision of our Presbyterian students at Cornell University, Synod commends the Board and its work to a larger place in the thought and Prayers and financial support of the Churches.
2. That Synod commends the faithful and efficient service of the Rev. Herbert M. Moore, Student Pastor at Cornell; and also expresses appreciation of the earnest co-operation with our Student Pastors on the part of the First Church of Ithaca and its Pastor, the Rev. John A. MacIntosh, D.D.
3. That Synod recommends its Pastors to furnish to Mr. Moore the names of their young people who are attending Cornell University, and to urge these students to become affiliated members of our Church at Ithaca, during their residence there.
4. That Synod recognizes the need for a manse for our Student Pastor at Cornell University, and earnestly hopes that such a house may soon be

provided; and that to this end, this Committee be authorized to co-operate with the Board of Church Election and the Board of Education.

5. That the Rev. John A. MacIntosh, D.D., of Ithaca, be added to this Committee.

7. That all Churches of Synod be urged to observe Vocation Day, and that so far as feasible the programs which the Board of Education furnishes free, be used.

8. That, whereas Lafayette College, a Presbyterian institution, and one in which a considerable number of young men from this Synod receive their education, has been offered by the College Board a certain amount toward the establishment of a chair of the English Bible, conditioned upon the securing by the College of \$40,000 additional endowment, Synod calls the attention of its Churches to the movement to secure the endowment for this purpose, and commends it to their consideration.

were adopted; and recommendation 6 as follows:

6. That Synod grant to this Committee the sum of \$100 for expenses in the prosecution of the work of Education during this year.

was referred to the Finance Committee.

In this connection addresses were made by REV. JOSEPH COCHRANE, Secretary of the Board and by REV. HERBERT M. MOORE, Student Pastor in Cornell University.

The Committee on the Place of Meeting of Synod in 1916, recommended that it be held in the First Church of Newburgh, and that the thanks of Synod be extended to the First Church of Watertown for its invitation to meet in that city.

It was so ordered.

The report of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage was presented by Ralph E. Prime as Chairman as follows:

To the Synod of New York:

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Your Committee was originally appointed by the Synod of 1911 and has been from time to time continued. A reference to the minutes of Synod for 1911, pages 42 and 43; for 1912, pages 13 to 16; for 1913, page 15; for 1914, pages 12 to 14, will disclose its history and its work. It seemed to the Committee that its recommendations of 1914 were all that were necessary under the circumstances and which called the attention of the members of all our Churches to the subject and urged a study of the situation in the whole country and practically deprecated any action amending the Con-

stitution of the United States authorizing Congress to legislate on the subject of divorce and the imminent danger that, if any such situation should arise, the ideal position of the State of New York with one only cause for divorce would be imperilled. But the Synod of 1914 chose, of its own accord and not on the initiative of the Committee, and continued the Committee, instructing that it watch all matters affecting the subject and to cause such information as shall be deemed wise to be given to the Churches of our Synod that as citizens of the State they should be on guard and watchful to oppose all legislation, constitutional or legislative, which should tend in any way to lower the standard of the State of New York in the matter of divorce and remarriage of divorced persons, also to seek to secure legislation in the several States which should make illegal and void remarriage of any person forbidden to remarry by the Law of the State of his residence or by the decree or judgment of any Court in any proceeding or action to which he or she should have been a party. Your Committee has been on guard during the past two years, watchful for any steps taken toward the deprecated end and it is gratifying to report that so far as the knowledge and information of the Committee is concerned, nothing has been done affecting the matter referred to the Committee. We could wish that a combined and concerted effort should be made in all the States in our American Union to invalidate and make illegal any contract of remarriage of parties divorced where they or either of them are forbidden either by the statutes of the State of their residence or a decree of any Court in any proceeding or action to which they were parties, to remarry.

As this matter extends over the whole country, it is suggested that some important Committee of Synod consider whether, if within our constitutional power, the General Assembly should be overtured, inasmuch as it reaches to all the States, to urge upon all members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to favor and forward as citizens and to obtain, if possible, in every State enactment of such laws as will invalidate any such contract of remarriage.

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and the report was received and was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Religious Education reported through its Chairman, REV. ROBERT W. LEACH, with recommendations and the report was received and its recommendations as follows:

That in view of the intense interest manifested in the Pre-Synodic Conference on Religious Education is indicated by the presence of so large a representation from the several Presbyteries of Synod and the enthusiasm evinced in the discussion of the vital themes of the conference.

1. Recommend: That such conferences be held annually as long as conditions warrant, and recommend that the Presbyteries elect as delegates

to Synod the Chairman of their Committees on Religious Education and the Board of Education, who shall attend these conferences, or that Presbytery shall send a special delegate to such conference and defray his expenses.

2. Recommend: That the results of the conference be conserved by being printed in concise form and given as wide circulation as possible.

4. Recommend: That such helpful suggestions relative to the work of the two Committees united in this conference as will give them a more comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the unlimited possibilities of their task, be printed in pamphlet form and placed in the hand of the members of all Presbyterial Committees.

5. Recommend: That our Presbyteries include in their Budget of Expenses, a sufficient amount of money to cover such forward movements as may be proposed by these two Committees.

were adopted; and recommendation 3 as follows:

3. Recommend: The Synod make an appropriation of \$400 for the benefit of the Committee on Religious Education and the Board of Education to enable them to carry on their propaganda relative to this important subject.

was referred to the Finance Committee.

Pending the adoption of the foregoing recommendations, Synod was addressed by the REV. ALEXANDER HENRY, Secretary of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

It was ordered that at the Meeting of Synod of 1916 one hour and a half be given to the Committees on Religious Education and the Board of Education to be divided equally among them and that such time be given a fixed place on the docket.

The reports of the officers of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions were presented in printed form and they were received without reading in detail and their substance was ordered printed in the appendix.

The Committee on Synodical Home Missions presented its report and the work of the Special Departments of the Committee were reported and their reports were received and extracts from such report and their substance was ordered printed in the Appendix.

Addresses were made on the various phases of the work under the direction of the Committee.

And further consideration of the report was deferred until after recess.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended the order for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at 4:30 o'clock this Wednesday afternoon, as follows:

The Moderator to preside.

Rev. Henry Ward and Rev. L. A. Ostrander to administer the Bread and the Cup, and the following Ruling Elders to distribute the elements:

The Bread—Elders John A. Park, George P. Conard, William M. Wheeler, Thomas Dransfield, George Doull, Thomas S. Hill, Lucius L. Van Slyke, David C. Herrick.

The Cup—Marcus E. Griffin, Thomas Norris, Albert C. Leach, Edward W. Arms, Arthur Hay, Abram W. Gray, Albert H. Rodgers, Jesse C. Hillis, and the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

An Invitation to visit the New York School for the Blind was extended to the Members of the Synod.

Recess was taken until two o'clock p. m.

Prayer was offered.

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was constituted with prayer and business was resumed.

The consideration of the report of the Synodical Home Missions Committee was continued and the following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be received and approved by Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be printed in the minutes of Synod in the form in which it has received Synod's approval, with such accompanying resolutions as may be adopted by the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the report of the former Treasurer of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, having been audited by a chartered Public Accountant and having received the approval of the Permanent Committee, hereby be given the cordial approval of Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod hereby expresses its hearty approval of the action of the Permanent Committee in effecting arrangements with the Home Board under the resolution appearing on page 45 of minutes of

Synod held at Middletown, N. Y., October, 1914, reading as follows:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Synodical Home Missions be empowered to confer with the Assembly's Board of Home Missions, and if the way be clear to arrange for the establishment of direct financial relations in conformance with the plan adopted by the Assembly of 1914, which provides for self administration by Synods and Presbyteries in Home Mission work."

5. *Resolved*, That the communication from the Board of Missions for Freedmen be answered in effect that "Such Presbyteries as desire the Board of Missions for Freedmen to conduct work within their bounds shall most cordially be permitted to do so through the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions."

6. *Resolved*, That from our present point of view the situation in the Synod does not call for the appointment of a Superintendent for colored work.

7. *Resolved*, That while from a careful review of the situation Synod does not desire its Committee on Synodical Home Missions to appoint a Superintendent for colored work exclusively within the State of New York, nevertheless, Synod does hereby authorize the Committee to co-operate with some other Synod or Synods in the engagement of a suitable Missionary or Evangelist, when in its judgment the services of such a field worker can be utilized to the best advantage.

8. *Resolved*, That the organization of a State Home Missions Council for New York State be approved, and that the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to appoint the necessary representatives to look after the State Presbyterian interests.

9. *Resolved*, That the Synod approve the amendments to the rules for Synodical Home Missions as presented in the report of the Permanent Committee.

10. *Resolved*, That the Synod appropriate for its work through the administrative agency of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions for nine months beginning October 1st, the respective amounts which on the yearly basis would be as follows:

Commissions—General	\$25,000
Foreign Work	13,000
Administrative Expense	1,850
Publicity	400
Departments of Synodical Superintendent	4,500
Work for Foreign People	1,500
Adirondack Work	5,550
Church Extension Work	2,500
Emergency Fund	5,000
 Total ,	 \$59,300

11. *Resolved*, That the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to prepare and present a budget at its April Meeting, for the period of one year beginning July 1st, 1916, the same to be presented in due course to the Synod of 1916 for consideration and approval.

12. *Resolved*, That the election of Geo. P. Conard as Chairman of the Permanent Committee for term expiring 1917 be approved.

13. *Resolved*, That the election of Rev. U. L. Mackey, as Synodical Superintendent for term expiring 1917 be approved.

14. *Resolved*, That the election of Hon. Wm. S. Bennett, as Member of the Permanent Committee for term expiring 1918 be approved.

15. *Resolved*, That the election of Waldo Hutchins as Member of Permanent Committee for term expiring 1918 be approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported recommending as follows:

As to overture No. 1, relating to Mormonism, No. 2, relating to the New York Sabbath Committee and the Lord's Day Alliance, and No. 3 relating to the Mormon question, that no action be taken by Synod; that No. 4 relating to a constitutional amendment in relation to prohibition be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

In answer to overture No. 5, that the past Moderator Walter Rockwood Ferris and the present Moderator Rev. Arthur Newman be appointed to represent Synod at the Celebration of the Bi-Centennial of Long Island Presbytery and that their expenses be paid.

No. 6, the request of the Church at Victory for transfer from the Presbytery of Lyons to the Presbytery of Cayuga be granted, and that the Church at Victory be and is transferred from the Presbytery of Lyons to the Presbytery of Cayuga and that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Lyons be notified of this action and that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Cayuga be directed to enroll such Church in the Presbytery of Cayuga:

And concerning report of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage (p. 14), (1) that the work of the Committee be commended and that the Committee be continued with power, (2) that the General Assembly be overturned by this Synod to urge upon all members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. as citizens to favor and forward and obtain, if possible, in every State the enactment of such laws as shall invalidate any contract of remarriage of parties forbidden by law or by the decree of a Court to remarry:

And the recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The Executive Commission reported as follows:

(1) That it had held one meeting, that the report of the Treasurer

referred by Synod held at Middletown to the Commission for auditing, had been examined and approved and the balance in the hands at the close of the fiscal year was \$2,385.66; (2) that the Commission had approved an agreement between the Board of Home Missions and the Synodical Home Missions Committee of this Synod which agreement was as follows:

I. BASIS

This agreement is in harmony with and is based upon the action of General Assembly in its plan for the reorganization of the Board of Home Missions (Minutes of 1914, page 134, Article III, Section 1) as follows:

"Each Presbytery and Synod shall have the right of initiation, direction and control as to Home Mission work within its bounds, as to choice and location of appointees and as to the compensation of such appointees within the limits of the Board's appropriation."

II. AUTHORIZATION

Such an agreement is authorized by the Synod of New York (Minutes of 1914, page 45, Resolution V, second paragraph) as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Synodical Home Missions be empowered to confer with the Assembly's Board of Home Missions, and if the way be clear to arrange for the establishment of direct financial relations in conformance with the plan adopted by the Assembly of 1914, which provides for self administration by Synods and Presbyteries in Home Mission work."

III. ADMINISTRATION

The agreement proposes no change in the Synod's plan for the administration of its work. The Synod will continue as at present, under the responsibility, through its own and its Presbyterial committees, of initiating new work, appointing and directing its workers, and deciding upon the annual appropriation, and its distribution in its several grants. The Synod remains at liberty to authorize such changes in its plan of administration as in its judgment may be for the good of the work.

IV. CONCERNING THE FUNDS

All funds raised by the Synod's Committee, or the Board of Home Missions within the Synod of New York, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Board. This rule shall apply to contributions of whatever character. Such as have been specifically designated shall be used for the particular work for which they have been designed. There shall be an annual conference between the Synod's Committee and the Board of Home Missions

at which matters of mutual interest shall be considered and at which the Synod's Committee shall present to the Board of Home Missions the aggregate of the appropriations, as determined by it and the Presbyterial committees, which will be needed for the conduct of the work in the Synod during the ensuing year. In preparing this schedule of appropriations the Committee will be expected to advise with the Board of Home Missions as to the general financial situation of the Board, and particularly as to the contributions of the Synod of New York, to Home Mission objects. In the event that the amount requested for appropriation for the work in the Synod of New York be greater than the average annual amount of undesignated contributions of the Synod for Home Mission work, as determined by the nearest normal year preceding, the Board's approval of the request will be necessary before the appropriation will be made. The appropriation thus filed and authorized by the Synod shall limit the expenditures of the Synod's Committee for the year.

V. PAYMENTS

The Commissions of the Missionaries shall be issued by the Synod and a certified list of all grants to Missionaries and other employees made by the Synod's Committee, shall be sent on the first day of each month to the Board of Home Missions and all vouchers in accordance with such certified list shall be paid according to the rules of the Board. The Board will also honor the vouchers for salaries of general workers and requisitions for other expenses of Synod's work when properly signed and approved by the Synod's Committee except that in no case shall the total of commissions and vouchers exceed the amount of appropriation for the year.

VI. CO-OPERATION

It shall be the duty of the Board's Secretaries and other representatives and of the Synod's Committee to advise together in the conduct of the work within the bounds of the Synod, and to co-operate in the endeavor to increase the zeal and enthusiasm of the Synod in Home Mission work, both State and National.

This agreement becomes operative April 1st, 1915.

The Board of Home Missions,

JOHN DIXON, Sec'y.

The Synodical Home Missions Committee,

G. W. CONARD, Chairman.

The Executive Commission,

WALTER ROCKWOOD FERRIS,

Chairman.

and the report was received.

The following Resolution was moved and it was referred to the Finance Committee:

Resolved, That the expenses of Chairmen of Synodical Permanent Committees be paid by Synod.

The Committee on Freedmen reported. Its report was received and its recommendations are as follows:

First. The Synod of New York proffers its hearty congratulations to the Board of Missions for Freedmen on its completion of its jubilee year, upon its increased income during this period of world warfare, upon the marvelous work accomplished in the half-century, and the gracious blessings of God that have rested upon its labors in behalf of the colored race.

Second. We would recommend women's societies of the Synod not only for their own offering of nearly \$13,000 for this Board but also for caring for the gifts of the young people's societies and Sunday schools, amounting to \$1300 additional.

Three. In view of the fact that "The Board may now engage in evangelistic work in the Northern States, among the colored people, when requested by the Presbyteries and various Synods," the Synod of New York declares itself ready to co-operate with the Board in such evangelistic efforts among the colored people of this State.

Four. The Synod would emphasize the action of the General Assembly and urge that the "Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday, or, if that be not convenient, some Sunday agreeable to the plans of the local church, be set apart for informing the Sunday Schools touching the work of the Board and inspiring them to make an offering for the support of the work."

Five. The Synod of Pennsylvania, with the headquarters of the Freedmen's Board located within her bounds, alone leads the Empire State in the amount of the offerings for this glorious work. We would urge our non-contributing churches, of which there is a large number, to give an opportunity to their congregations to contribute to this cause. In view of an ever-increasing need and progressing work, also in view of new work to be taken up in northern territory, we urge our regularly-contributing churches, if possible, to increase their offerings this coming year.

And the recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on the Nomination of the Women's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented the report of the Women's Synodical Society of Home Missions and it was received and is printed in the Appendix.

It also recommended, names of persons to be appointed on

the Women's Synodical Committee on Home Missions and the recommendation was adopted and the persons named were appointed, and their names are by order of Synod printed in the Appendix.

The report of the Home Missions Committee was presented by Rev. Charles G. Ellis. It was received and its recommendations are as follows:

The recent organization of our Board of Home Missions, the changes in our administration of Synodical Home Missions, centralizing our offices and consolidating our treasurership with that of the Home Board have been made with statesman-like vision toward adapting our executive forces more fully to the work of the whole field. The foremost problem for us today is, will the Synod and the Presbyteries, and the churches down to the individual members organize to furnish abundant munitions for the Home Mission Campaign of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America? The expenditures of our Home Board last year were \$1,116,841.80 and the accumulated deficit, in part carried over from last year is \$217,779.35. Great big Russia, poorly organized must retreat and retreat again before her smaller adversary, must it be the same with our great church? We should see to it that the Home Board in its larger work does not lose by the consolidation of its treasurership with that of our Synod's committee. How? By a more perfect organization and efficiency in the benevolences of the individual church. To in some degree attain this end your committee would urge:

First. The fullest participation on the part of our churches wherever possible, in the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Two. The adoption of the Every Member Canvass as a means of the enlistment of the entire membership and the organization of the church in interest and participation in the larger work of the church.

And the recommendations were adopted. As also recommended by the permanent Committee on Home Missions, that Committee was by Synod ordered discontinued and its work placed in the hands of the Synodical Home Missions Committee.

The Lord's Supper was observed in accordance with previous arrangements.

Recess was taken until 7:30 p. m.

Prayer was offered.

October 20, 7:30 p. m.

A popular meeting was held under the direction of the local Brotherhood.

An address was given by the Rev. William J. McKittrick, a former pastor of the Church of Batavia on Masculine Christianity.

A social hour and a reception followed.

THURSDAY, October 21, 9:00 a. m.

Synod convened and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

Synod was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was presented by Rev. Christopher G. Hazard.

It was received and its recommendation as follows:

That Synod take steps to lay this work with a special emphasis upon its non-contributing Churches

was adopted. Pending the consideration of the report, addresses were made by the Chairman and by Dr. C. S. Butler.

The thanks of Synod were extended to Dr. Butler for his earnest and self-denying efforts on behalf of the work of the Board of Relief and Sustentation.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Synod was presented by its Secretary and was received and it is as follows:

October 9, 1915.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

To the Synod of New York:

Your Board of Trustees would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending September 30th, 1915.

The present officers are as follows:

Rev. A. H. Evans, D.D., President

John T. D. Blackburn, Secretary.

Edwin T. Hanford, Treasurer.

One meeting has been held.

The invested funds and securities in the hands of the Trustees have not increased or diminished during the year.

The total investments (cost) are	\$28,394.32
Cash Balance	150.43
Roseboom legacy for Cherry Valley Church	5,000.00

The income from the above amounting to \$1,200.00 has been paid, as before, to the Treasurer of Synodical Missions.

The total expenses of the Trustees were \$78.37 included in which is the premium of \$50.00 for the Bond of the Treasurer.

The terms of the following members expire with this meeting of Synod:

Rev. John F. Carson, D.D.

Rev. Francis Haines.

William Thompson.

Clarence G. Seward.

Mr. Seward requests he be not re-elected.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

JOHN T. D. BLACKBURN,

Secretary.

(detailed Treasurer's report attached)

October 1st, 1915.

To the Trustees of the Synod of New York:

I present the following statement of the securities held by the Board and of our income and disbursements for the year now ending:

INVESTMENTS

5 \$1,000 Bonds Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. refunding 4% bought @ 88¾	\$ 4,437.50
Mortgage on 197 Stockton St., Brooklyn, N. Y., due March, 1916, @ 4½%	22,000.00
Mortgage on 482 Hawthorne St., Brooklyn, N. Y., due Jan. 28, 1916, @ 4½%	1,750.00
Certificate of Deposit in Orange Co. Trust Company of Middletown, N. Y. @ 4%	206.82
Total Investments	\$28,394.32

INCOME ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Oct. 2, 1914. Balance on hand	\$ 151.81
1915	
Jan. 2. Interest 6 mos. on \$22,000 mortgage	495.00
" " " 6 " " \$1,750 "	39.38

Mar. 31.	"	6	"	Chicago R. I. & P. Bonds	100.00
May 19.	"	1 year	"	Certificate of deposit	8.24
Jul. 1.	"	6 mos.	"	\$22,000 mortgage	495.00
"	"	6	"	\$1,750 "	39.37
Oct. 1.	"	6	"	Chicago R. I. & P. Bonds	100.00

Total receipts\$ 1,428.80

DISBURSEMENTS FOR SYNODICAL AID

1915					
Jan. 2.	Paid	Geo. Fairlee	Treas.	.....	\$500.00
Apr. 1.	"	"	"	.....	100.00
Jul. 2.	"	H. C. Olin	"	.....	500.00
Sept. 28.	"	"	"	.....	100.00

Total paid for Synodical Aid\$ 1,200.00

EXPENSES

1914					
Oct. 7.	Paid	C. G. Seward	Railroad fares	.....	\$ 2.75
	"	Sanford R. Knapp	"	.....	2.00
	"	J. T. Blackburn	"	.....	7.50
	"	F. S. Haines	"	.....	1.62
	"	J. W. Jacks	"	.....	8.25
1915	"	E. T. Hanford	"	.....
			and postage	.....	3.25
Apr. 26.	"	A. Taylor	renewal Treas. bond in American Surety Co.	.....	50.00
May 12.	"	Merchants Natl. Bank	Safe Deposit Box	.....
			Box Rent	.....	3.00

Total Expenses\$ 78.37

Total Disbursements 1,278.37

Balance on hand this date 150.43

In addition to these regular funds we hold the Catherine Roseboom legacy in trust for the Church at Cherry Valley, N. Y., invested in:

5 \$1,000 Guaranteed 1st Mortgage 5% Certificates of the Westchester & Bronx Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. of White Plains, N. Y., due and payable 1917. The income of \$250.00 to July 1, 1915, has been received and forwarded immediately to the Treas. of that Church and his receipts are held for same.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. HANFORD,
Treasurer.

The whole report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Treasurer of Synod, John T. D. Blackburn, presented his report as follows:

October 18, 1915.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER, SYNOD OF NEW YORK

Year ending September 30th, 1915.

RECEIPTS

October 1, 1915. Balance on hand	\$2,385.00
From Presbyteries due Oct. 1, 1914	\$ 107.31
“ “ “ Oct. 1, 1915	1,037.14
“ Interest	71.60 1,216.05
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	\$3,601.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Webb Horton Memorial Church	\$ 100.00
“ “ “ “ Sexton	20.00
Temporary Clerks at Synod	40.00
Printing Blue Book	50.00
Bond, Treasurer Synodical Missions	20.00
Printing Minutes and Postage	198.50
Salary Permanent Clerk	150.00
“ Stated Clerk	400.00
Postage and Stationery, Stated Clerk	15.50
“ “ “ Treasurer	4.80 998.80
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Balance on hand	\$2,602.25

Special Interest Account\$1,827.72

First National Bank, Albany 774.53

\$2,602.25

Due from Presbytery of Porto Rico\$12.69

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. D. BLACKBURN,
Treasurer.

It was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rev. E. B. McGhee, Chairman of the Temperance Committee presented its report. The report of the Committee was received and its recommendations are as follows:

The Synod's contribution to the Committee's work last year was \$3,880.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That an effort be made to enlist the sympathy of every Church in the Synod in sustaining the Permanent Board in its work.

2. That Temperance Sunday, the third Sunday in September, be observed or some other Sunday convenient to the Session, and that our ministers prove faithful in denouncing the sin of drunkenness and also the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages.

3. (a) That we approve of the submission of a Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and to this end recommend to our people the use of discriminating choice in selecting State Assemblymen and Senators who are required to pass upon such amendment when submitted, as well as upon State legislation.

(b) We recommend that our people join in the effort to secure better enforcement of law and the extension of no-license territory.

(c) That in view of the alliance of the temperance forces to present a single issue to the Legislature we co-operate with the other churches as may be possible in securing the passage of "The Optional Prohibition Referendum Bill." That we co-operate with the other churches as may be possible in securing the passage of the Optional Prohibition Referendum Bill or any other Prohibitory Law that seeks the ultimate overthrow of this traffic.

4. That we urge Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers and all leaders and teachers of our young people the importance of emphasizing the value of total abstinence from the use of alcoholic liquors and narcotics in any form.

and they were adopted.

In this connection an address was given by Rev. John Royal Harris.

The following supplementary clause was added to recommendation number 2:

That Synod declares its conviction that a negative position upon this question by any Church or any minister is hereafter entirely out of harmony with the spirit and work of our denomination.

Thanks were extended to the Committee on Temperance and to Rev. John R. Harris.

Rev. Dr. David G. Wylie, the Secretary of the Board of Church Erection addressed Synod in the interest of that Board.

The following resolution was presented and moved and was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

Resolved, That the Synod of New York adopt the method of nomina-

tions for Moderator whereby the right of nomination is granted each year to the Presbytery which has been longest without a representative in the Moderatorship.

The Committee on the Minutes of General Assembly presented the following report:

The Committee on General Assembly's Minutes present the following report:

We call attention:

1. To the General Assembly's ruling through Sabbath Observance Committee, page 79 and 80, resolution 8.
2. To the request of the Committee of the Board of Education urging the liquidation of the Board's debt, page 108, section 4.
3. To the report of the Executive Commission, page 206, sections 1, 2 and 6.
4. To the Assembly's ruling on polity and legal matters pertaining to the Synod's authority over Presbyteries, page 280, section 1 *in toto*.
5. To the emphasis placed on the imperative need of better arrangements for reporting the Narrative of Christian Life and Work, page 327, section 19 and resolution 1, 2, 4 and 5.

The report was received.

The nomination of members for appointment to the Executive Commission was referred to the Committee on the Nomination of the Trustees of Synod.

The Committee on Finance presented its report which was received and is as follows:

Your Finance Committee would respectfully report as follows:

(1) We recommend the usual appropriation to the local church of \$100.00 to defray expenses incident to the assembling of Synod in Batavia.

(2) We recommend an appropriation of \$20.00 to the Sexton of the Church at which Synod met as an honorarium, in recognition of his labors in making us comfortable at our 1915 Session.

(3) With regard to the combined resolutions of the Committee on the Board of Education and the Committee on Religious Education, we would recommend the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$400.00 for the current fiscal year, to be availed of by these two Committees in their joint work in carrying on the propaganda relative to religious education in the Synod of New York. All vouchers for expenditure of this amount to be signed jointly by the respective Chairman of the Committees named.

(4) With regard to the resolution to the effect that the expenses of Chairman of Permanent Committees be paid by Synod, your Committee would recommend as follows:

That where a chairman of any Synod's Permanent or Special Committees is not appointed a delegate to Synod, such Chairman be requested to attend the Session of Synod with the assurance that he is to be entertained by the local entertainment Committee in the same manner as are the regularly commissioned delegates to Synod, and that the following expenses incident to the trip will be paid from Synod's Treasury, viz.:

(a) Railroad Fare.

(b) Pullman Fare.

(c) Meals en route.

(5) Your Committee would recommend that the assessments for the current fiscal year be fixed at five mills per communicant.

(6) Your Committee, having examined the books, vouchers, and bank books of the Treasurer, would respectfully report that the same are correct as per vouchers on file, each bearing due receipt.

In this connection, attention is directed to the fact that one of the bank deposit books is in the form of an interest-bearing account, which must bear upon its face any evidence of the withdrawal of funds from the account. The balance of this account on October 1st was \$1,827.72. The balance in the checking account as certified to by the bank on October 18, substantiated by returned cancelled checks is \$774.53. Total balance in bank as reported by the Treasurer is \$2,602.25.

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G. W. CONARD, Chairman.

ROBERT J. BLAIR,

GEO. P. DUBOIS,

JOHN A. PARK,

Committee on Finance.

and it was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

(1) "The Synod of New York of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., having learned on good authority of the unspeakable persecutions which the Armenian inhabitants of the Turkish Empire are suffering at the hand of the Turks, commends most heartily the efforts of the American Department of State to influence directly, or indirectly, the Turkish Government to cause the cessation of these atrocities; and respectfully urges the President of the United States to protest firmly against such inhumanity."

(2) *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of the Synod be instructed to send a statement of this action to President Wilson.

and the resolutions were adopted.

On motion it was:

Resolved, That the order of the day for the Wednesday evening ses-

sion of the Synod of 1916 and succeeding Synods be, the hearing of the representatives of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and that these Boards be notified promptly that they are to be allowed a maximum of 45 minutes each at that session for such presentation, and that similar notification be given to the Committee in charge of the preparation of the Docket from year to year.

The report of the Committee to collate the reports of the Committees on Presbyterianial Records was made the first order for the afternoon session.

The Judicial Committee reported that no papers had been placed in their hands and the report was received.

Synod took recess until 2:00 p. m.

Prayer was offered.

THURSDAY, October 21, 2:00 P. M.

Prayer was offered and business was resumed.

The Finance Committee presented a supplemental report recommending the adoption of the following:

For the information of the Chairman of our several Committees, and as authority for the Treasurer regarding current accounts,

Resolved, That the resolution relating to payment of traveling expenses of Chairmen of Committees, not delegates become effective for the accounts of this Session of Synod, Batavia, 1915, and be it further

Resolved, That this information be promptly transmitted by the Stated Clerk to each Chairman of a Committee who was in attendance at this session of Synod whose name does not appear on the list of Commissioned Delegates, and be it further

Resolved, That the expense accounts when prepared be transmitted to the Stated Clerk for certification as to the Chairman's presence at the meeting, that the Treasurer may have an authoritative signature on which to base the necessary voucher defraying said expenses.

and the recommendation was adopted.

The following resolution was moved and was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on nominations of Trustees be authorized at this session of Synod, to recommend names of persons to fill vacancies on permanent Committees.

The Committee to collate the Reports of the Committees on Records of the Presbyteries reported as follows:

The following Presbyteries have presented records which are approved:

Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Chemung, Geneva, Long Island, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Troy, Utica, Westchester, Columbia, Lyons, Cayuga.

The Committee on the records of the Presbytery of Champlain approved them, with the following exception:

Part of a sentence is omitted at the foot of page 182:

The committee on the records of Presbytery of Genesee would approve of records with the following exceptions: In the minutes of April 12, 1915, it is stated that Rev. Joseph Sunter reported that he had resigned the pastorate of Stone Church. Your committee would suggest that resignation of a pastor is to be offered to presbytery only and not to congregation.

In the minutes of May 10, 1915, it is recorded that the Permanent Clerk was "conspicuously" absent. Your Committee would suggest that the term is infelicitous.

The Committee on the records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn would approve with the exception that the records have not been presented to Synod since 1912.

Committee on records of Presbytery of Hudson would approve with the exception that wrong dates are given, using the date 1914 instead of 1915, pages 387-391

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the Lord's Day Observance presented a report through Rev. Duncan J. McMillan. It was received and its recommendations are as follows:

1. That the pastors of our various churches be earnestly requested to present to their congregations the claims of the Sabbath on the Sabbath following Easter.

2. That they urge their congregations to put this cause on their schedule of benevolences for the local societies in our state, choosing among them as they may see fit.

3. That these Societies be aided by the watchful care of law-abiding people in cases of violations of the Sabbath law, presenting their complaints, with evidence, to some efficient society.

4. That the churches, Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, be urged to place Sabbath Observance on their lists of topics and to seek information of the Sabbath and Lord's Day Organizations, using their literature.

5. That Secretaries of these societies be invited at convenient times, to the pulpits of the churches as pastors may find it convenient to appoint.

6. That Synod commends to all who are interested in the faithful maintenance of Sabbath observance, the volume of addresses and papers soon to be

published under the auspices of the Fourteenth International Lord's Day Congress.

7. That all our churches be urged to earnest prayer, that the Lord's Day may not fall into neglect under the awful scourge of the European war, and that God in His mercy might bring to an early close the awful world crisis, which is now shaking the very foundations of our civilization.

and the recommendations were adopted.

The cause of the Lord's Day Alliance was presented by Rev. H. L. Bowlby.

The following recommendations of the General Assembly were referred to the Committee on Lord's Day Observance to report upon them next year:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly recommends that a Sabbath Observance Committee be organized in each Synod, of which the Chairman of each Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath Observance shall be at least a corresponding member, and that the Synod's Committee shall co-operate with the State Sabbath Associations.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, which is the only association that represents the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in this department of Christian work, organized by the co-operation of the General Assembly in 1888, be included in the budget of benevolences of the churches.

Rev. John Fox, D.D., addressed Synod in the interests of the American Bible Society.

The Moderator and Acting Stated Clerk were appointed as representatives of the Synod to attend the centennial celebration of the American Bible Society.

The following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of New York most heartily recommends that the Centennial of the American Bible Society be definitely recognized in May, 1916, by special services in each Church, Sunday School and Young People's Society within its bounds, and that an additional offering be made, if possible, to increase the world-wide activity of this organization, which has accomplished so much in disseminating the Word of God.

The following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors of the several churches in Newburgh who have invited Synod to meet in Newburgh in October, 1916, be and they are hereby constituted a Committee of Arrangements for that meeting of Synod—that the attention of that Committee be called to the action of

Synod of 1913 as to the Docket and the subjects to be specially called to attention of Synod.

Rev. Judson Swift presented the interests and claims of the American Tract Society.

The following minute was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of New York congratulates the American Tract Society upon its celebration of ninety years of service in proclaiming by means of the printed page a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the redeemer of sinners.

The Synod is pleased to note that during these years the Society has printed and circulated in one hundred and seventy-eight languages and dialects a total of 791,142,050 copies of volumes, leaflets and periodicals, and made foreign cash appropriations at the mission stations, including electrotypes, to the amount of nearly One Million Dollars, it also rejoices that the Tract Society's colporters have made in the homeland a total of 18,406,676 family visits and distributed a total of 17,326,927 volumes of Christian literature, thereby giving the Gospel Message to millions of the non-Church-going.

The Synod further notes with deep and increasing interest and heartily commends the Tract Society's enlarged efforts to produce Christian literature in the Spanish and Portuguese languages in behalf of the moral and spiritual needs of Latin America, and is much impressed with the publications already issued in these languages, totalling three hundred distinct publications and 15,558,719 copies issued and distributed at a cost of \$700,000.

In view of the foregoing facts and the unusual demand for Christian literature in both the home and foreign mission fields, the Synod recommends that the Tract Society be included in the benevolences of our Churches and individuals, and that each Session be urged to give the Society's worldwide work a place in its annual budget.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual bills and salaries.

The several Standing Committees having no further business to present, were discharged.

The Foreign Mission Committee reported.

The report was received.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported recommending no action on the resolution (p. 28) regarding nominations of Moderator by Presbyteries, and the report was received.

The resolution regarding the nomination of Moderator by Presbyteries (p. 28) which was referred to Bills and Overtures

(p. 28) was referred to the Executive Commission to report upon it next year.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following persons had, for adequate reasons, been permitted to withdraw before the close of the sessions as follows:

Presbytery of Albany: Minister—Louis F. Mayle.

Binghamton: Elder—Jesse C. Hillis.

Brooklyn: Minister—Louis Wolfers.

Buffalo: Ministers—W. H. Boocock, F. Hyatt Smith, Greely H. Orvis, Oliphant Gibbons.

Cayuga: Minister—Herbert M. Moore.

Champlain: Minister—Hilton R. Campbell; Elder—Gaius A. Harmon.

Chemung: Elder—M. Henry Gray.

Geneva: Minister—William W. Weller; Elder—Lucius L. Van Slyke.

Hudson: Elder—Merrit E. Dunning.

Lyons: Minister—Theodore S. Day; Elder—Oscar J. Frost.

New York: Ministers—James Cromie, Arthur H. Limouze.

North River: Elder—Hoyt Sheriger.

Otsego: Minister—Edward C. Petrie.

Rochester: Ministers—Charles M. Frost, Alex. Fraser, Branden Greenway; Elder—Thomas Dransfield.

Steuben: Minister—George H. Wilkins.

Syracuse: Ministers—Walter Rockwood Ferris, John N. Steele; Elder—Alman Bristol.

Troy: Minister—James G. Carlile.

Utica: Minister—Louis G. Colson; Elder—George Gregor.

Westchester: Minister—Walter L. Steiner; Elders—John C. Rockwell, Thomas T. Hill.

and the report was received and adopted.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of Synod reported, recommending as follows, viz.:

That the following persons be elected as Trustees of Synod for the terms expiring 1918:

Ministers—Rev. Francis S. Haines, Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell; Elders—William Thompson, John M. Baxter.

That the Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris, be elected in place of Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, deceased, for the term expiring 1916.

and they were duly elected by ballot.

The same Committee also recommended that the following be appointed on the Executive Commission for terms to expire 1918:

Minister—Rev. W. J. Cumming; Elder, Charles W. Seymour.

and on the Permanent Committee on College Aid:

Charles L. Cathart,

and as Chairman of Committee on Lord's Day Observance:

Henry T. McEwan

in place of William R. Swartz, deceased, and the recommendations were adopted.

The several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present were discharged.

The following vote of thanks was heartily adopted:

Resolved, That we, the delegates to the 34th Annual Synod of the State of New York, now assembled in Session at Batavia, N. Y., being deeply sensible of the many attentions and courtesies received at the hands of the pastor and members of the First Presbyterian Church of this City, express to them our sincere appreciation of their generous hospitality.

We especially wish to convey our thanks to the ladies of the various churches of this city for their hospitable entertainment of the delegates in their homes.

We would thank the Boy Scouts of the Presbyterian Church for their courteous assistance given us, as guides and pilots.

We would thank the Press of this City for the many marks of courtesy shown us during our session.

We would thank the Honorable Mayor of Batavia for the earnest welcome he extended to us, and his warm words of greeting.

And be it further Resolved, that we request the Rev. Stanley U. Mock to convey our grateful thanks to all those who shared in any way in the thorough and thoughtful arrangements for our entertainment and comfort.

The following resolutions were presented and moved and were referred to the Executive Commission to report upon them next year; viz.:

Resolved, It is the sense of this Synod that in order to the parliamentary constitution of the annual meeting of Synod immediately after the opening of Synod, and preceding the election of officers, the roll

be announced as certified to by the enrollment Committee; a printed list of all delegates and alternates be placed in the hands of every delegate.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New York be directed to have printed each year the names of all principals and alternates to Synod and provide each delegate to Synod with this list at the time of registration and enrollment.

The Roll was called and the following members were recorded as being absent without the permission of Synod:

Presbytery of Albany: William H. Stubblebine, Lucius L. Streeter.

Binghamton: Henry Didama Smith.

Buffalo: Henry Ward, David R. Jones, John MacLeay.

Chemung: R. Lew Williams.

Genesee: Evan Merion Jones.

Nassau: John M. Baxter.

North River: R. C. Dodds.

Rochester: Albert E. Leach.

St. Lawrence: Frank Green.

Steuben: William F. Bayless.

Syracuse: Kenneth B. Wells.

Troy: H. Edward Jones.

The foregoing minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church, Newburgh, N. Y., Tuesday, October 17, 1916, at half past seven o'clock p. m.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,

Permanent Clerk.

Attest:

RALPH E. PRIME,

Acting Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX

I. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES

(Blanks not filled indicate that the Stated Clerks have not reported the figures)

1. **Presbytery of Albany** consists of Ministers Churches
and has under its care licentiates and candidates.

Ministers received:

December 8, 1914, Alexander Lennox from the Presbytery of Otsego;
James DeForest Hollenbeck from Aroostook Association; Charles
P. Way from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

April 20, 1915, Archibald Stewart Kerr from the Presbytery of
Chartrus, U. P. Church; Frederick C. Tower from the Presbytery
of Rochester; Edwin N. Kline from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 8, 1914, Allen Kenneth Magner;

June 15, 1915, Albert D. Stearns;

September 21, 1915, Sheridan Gilman.

Licentiates received:

September 21, 1915, R. Arthur Basham from the Presbytery of New
York.

Candidates licensed:

April 20, 1915, Walter Dudley Cavert;

September 21, 1915, Samuel McCrea Cavert.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 12, 1915, Wilbur A. Wagar and Stephentown Church;

May 1, 1915, Arthur T. Young and Ballston Spa. Church;

September 21, 1915, William F. Berger and Kingsborough Church.

Ordinations:

June 29, 1915, Walter Dudley Cavert;

September 21, 1915, Elmer W. K. Mould.

Installations:

January 14, 1915, Alexander Lennox over the Mayfield Central
Church;

September 30, 1915, Edwin N. Kline over the Stephentown Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 8, 1914, James H. Colburn to the Presbytery of New

York; Josiah Still to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
April 2, 1915, Wilber A. Wagar to the Presbytery of Newton;
September 21, 1915, William F. Berger to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North; Charles D. Brokenshire to the Presbytery of Saginaw; Elmer W. K. Mould to Classis of Passaic.

Ministers deceased:

October 20, 1914, Washington Frothingham at Fonda;
December 12, 1914, Lewis H. Bahler at Schenectady;
April 29, 1915, David O. Mears at Williamstown, Mass.;
September 29, 1915, Alfonso R. Olney at Watervliet.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer:

Rev. Charles G. Sewall of 73 Willett Street, Albany, has been elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer to succeed the late Alfonzo R. Olney, deceased.

2. **Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of 35 Ministers (1 being in-transitu), 35 Churches (one being a Mission Chapel) and has under its care 1 candidate.

Ministers received:

April 20, 1915, Rev. George M. Runner from the Moravian Church in America;
September 20, 1915, Rev. Peter R. Ross from Presbytery Steuben;
Rev. Leon S. Losey from Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 9, 1914, Rev. Wilson A. Eisenhart and Broad Avenue Church, Binghamton;
May 24, 1915, Rev. Alonzo Shafer and Church at Masonville.

Installations:

October 27, 1914, Rev. George E. Guild over Church at Beerston;
Rev. George E. Guild over Church at Rockrift;
May 13, 1915, Rev. George M. Runner over Broad Avenue Church, Binghamton;
May 21, 1915, Rev. Wilson A. Eisenhart over Floral Avenue Church, Binghamton.

Ministers dismissed:

June 9, 1914, Rev. George W. Newman to Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
September 22, 1914, Rev. Charles L. Luther to Presbytery of Grafton;
April 20, 1915, Rev. Edgar P. Carson to Presbytery of Wheeling;
May 24, 1915, Rev. Alonzo Shafer to Presbytery of Lima;
September 20, 1915, Rev. Edwin T. Essick to Presbytery of Hudson;
Rev. Charles J. Moon to First Baptist Church at Wilkes-Barre.

Churches enrolled:

At Cadosia (a Mission Chapel).

Ministers deceased:

December 14, 1914, Rev. William J. Bridges in his 80th year;

March 23, 1915, Rev. Alexander Cameron MacKenzie in his 66th year.

Miscellaneous:

Rev. Charles J. Moon letter to Presbytery of Lehigh has been returned;

Rev. H. Lewis Smith letter to the Presbytery of Detroit has not been received.

3. **Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of Ministers, Churches and has under care licentiates and candidates.

Ministers received:

November 23, 1914, Lyman C. Pettit from Presbytery of Steuben;

A. J. Vaughn from Presbytery of Hudson;

March 23, 1915, H. H. Levitt, Jr., from Presbytery of Long Island;

April 26, 1915, J. Edward Grant from Classis of Montgomery;

September 27, 1915, William Carter from Classis of New York;

Robert W. Anthony from Presbytery of Cleveland.

Candidates received:

November 23, 1914, T. G. Mowry from Presbytery of San Francisco;

April 26, 1915, F. C. Verdoja on examination;

June 28, 1915, Adolf Buechner on examination.

Candidates licensed:

March 22, 1915, R. L. M. Newfield, T. G. Mowry, J. A. Erickson;

April 26, 1915, F. C. Verdoja.

Dissolutions:

November 23, 1914, between Rev. H. R. Campbell and St. Albans Church;

January 25, 1915, between Rev. R. J. Jensen and Ainslie Street Church; between Rev. A. J. Brucklacher and Lefferts Park Church,

April 26, 1915, between Rev. William B. Gates and Wells Memorial Church;

Ordinations:

February 25, 1915, A. G. MacRury;

March 25, 1915, J. H. Sanders;

April 25, 1915, Carlton Park.

Installations:

November 24, 1914, Rev. Lyman C. Pettit over Greene Avenue Church;

April 30, 1915, Rev. H. H. Leavitt, Jr., over Bay Ridge Church;

May 6, 1915, Rev. T. B. Griswold over Lefferts Park Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 23, 1915, Rev. H. R. Campbell to Presbytery of Champlain;

January 25, 1915, Rev. R. J. Jensen to Presbytery of Butte;

June 28, 1915, Rev. William B. Gates to Presbytery of New York;

Rev. J. H. Sanders to Presbytery of Northumberland;

September 27, 1915, Rev. H. W. Herrman to Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Licentiates dismissed:

March 22, 1915, R. L. M. Neufeld to Presbytery of Hudson;

September 27, 1915, T. G. Mowry to Presbytery of Clarion.

Candidates transferred:

November 23, 1914, Leon Fornatoro to Presbytery of Newark;

September 27, 1915, G. A. R. Dayly to Presbytery of Chester.

Dropped from Roll:

Ministers—Rev. Ancees T. Barodi, April 26, 1915, to suspended roll;

Rev. Henry A. Todd, September 27, to suspended roll;

Candidates—F. A. Schurge, C. W. Noll, Caesar Perna, William H.

Richie, September 27, 1915.

Ministers deceased:

May 12, 1915, Rev. William A. Alexander at Brooklyn;

September 26, 1915, Rev. Kenneth F. Junor at Toronto, Canada,
aged 69.

Churches Amalgamated:

January 3, 1915, Ross Street Church dissolved and amalgamated
with Central Church;

April 1, 1915, Franklin Church dissolved and amalgamated with Cen-
tral Church.

4. **Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of Ministers, Churches,
licentiates and has under care candidates.

Ministers received:

April 19, 1915, William H. Dexter from Presbytery of Washington
City; Rudolf C. Stoll from Presbytery of Mahoning; Albert W.
Griggs from Presbytery of Newark;

September 28, 1915, Alexander Thompson from Presbytery of West-
minster.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 20, 1915, Robert Horton Russell.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

May 6, 1915, J. Marshal Linton with Bethany Church, Buffalo;

June 14, 1915, Jacob Klaasse with Clarence Church;

September 1, 1915, Frank B. Carlton with Bethlehem Church, Buf-
falo.

Ordinations:

June 6, 1915, Millar Burrows as Evangelist;

July 1, 1915, Clarence B. Scoville as Evangelist.

Installations:

April 19, 1915, G. L. McClelland over Jamestown Church:

May 20, 1915, Albert W. Grigg over Lancaster Church.

Ministers dismissed:

June 6, 1915, J. Marshall Linton to Presbytery of Philadelphia North;

July 31, 1915, Jacob Klaasse to Presbytery of Niagara;

September 28, 1915, Millar Burrows to Presbytery of Dallas; Daniel M. Geddes to Presbytery of Cayuga.

5. **Presbytery of Cayuga** consists 46 Ministers, 22 Churches, 7 licentiates and has under care 9 candidates.

Ministers received:

May 3, 1915, Rev. Thomas R. Husk from Presbytery of Fort Smith;

June 17, 1915, Rev. Frederick C. Schorge from Northern New York conference;

September 28, 1915, Rev. Daniel Geddes from Presbytery of Buffalo.

Candidates taken under care:

April 12, 1915, John Van Tilbury, Stanton W. Sollsbury, Alexander E. MacLean;

September 28, 1915, George L. Tappan, Edward W. Robinson, John Daton Axtell.

Licentiates received:

September 28, 1915, Ira L. Livingston from Presbytery of Springfield.

Candidates licensed:

April 12, 1915, Royal G. Hall, Glen B. Ogden, John Van Tilbury,

Stanton W. Sollsbury, Kenneth J. MacLennan, Francesco De Simone, Ira H. McClymonds;

September 28, 1915, Alexander B. McLean.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

June 23, 1915, Leon A. Losey and Auburn, Westminster Church.

Ordinations:

April 25, 1915, Chesterly LeRoy Harris, Alva Vest King;

May 2, 1915, Hardy Lumb;

May 3, 1915, Ira H. McClymonds, James M. Stewart, Charles S. Smith, John M. Van Tilbury, James Myers, John N. Morrison.

Installations:

Oct. 28, 1914, Rev. Seth Cook over Dryden Church;

May 12, 1915, Rev. Thomas R. Husk over Churches at Scipio and Scipioville;

June 2, 1915, Rev. E. Lloyd Jones over Church at Meridian;

June 17, 1915, Rev. Frederick E. Schorge over Springport Church;

Ministers dismissed:

Nov. 17, 1914, Rev. E. W. Twitchell to Congregational Association of Brooklyn; Rev. J. J. Romolo to Presbytery of Boston; Rev. A. O. Caldwell to Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. H. V. Yergin to Presbytery of St. Louis;

June 23, 1915, Rev. Alva V. King to Presbytery of Geneva; Rev. Leon A. Losey to Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licentiates transferred:

May 3, 1915, Ralph De Kay to Presbytery of Syracuse;

June 23, 1915, John C. Rankin to Presbytery of Otsego.

Minister deceased:

June, 1915, Rev. E. R. Crawford.

6. **Presbytery of Champlain** consists of 18 Ministers, 21 Churches,⁶ and has under care 5 candidates.

Ministers received:

April 13, 1915, Rev. Hilton R. Campbell from Presbytery of Brooklyn;

July 12, 1915, Rev. Robert R. Sutherland from Classis of Reformed Church of America;

September 21, 1915, Rev. Arthur B. Ross from Orleans Association of Congregational Ministers.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

July 12, 1915, Rafael Mallen;

September 21, 1915, Cecil Plumb.

Licentiate received:

July 12, 1915, Roy B. Chamberlin from the Presbytery of New York.

Ordination:

July 12, 1915, Roy B. Chamberlin.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 17, 1915, Rev. George Roberts, Jr. and the church at Saranac Lake.

Installations:

October 29, 1914, Rev. John N. Robertson over the church at Mooers;

July 27, 1915, Rev. Robert R. Sutherland, over the Church at Constable;

October 12, 1915, Rev. Arthur B. Ross over the Church at Essex.

Ministers dismissed:

February 17, 1915, Rev. George Roberts, Jr., to the Presbytery of Chicago;

September 3, 1915, Rev. John Banford to the Presbytery of Topeka.

Minister deceased:

September 8, 1915, Rev. Robert R. Sutherland, at Constable. New York, aged 70.

7. **Presbytery of Chemung** consists of 20 Ministers, 20 Churches and has under its care 3 candidates.

Ministers received:

January 14, 1915, Rev. Herbert S. Harris, from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Albert C. Caldwell from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. T. Johnson Bolger from the Presbytery of Rochester. Pastoral relations dissolved:

September 21, 1915, between Rev. John D. Warren and the Elmira South Church; between Rev. Paul C. Thyholdt and the Montour Falls Church.

Installations:

February 16, 1915, Rev. Albert O. Caldwell over the Spencer Church; February 18, 1915, Rev. Herbert S. Harris over the Elmira North Church;

April 27, 1915, Rev. T. Johnson Bolger over the First Church of Elmira.

Minister dismissed:

September 21, 1915, Rev. Robert J. Lockhart to the Hudson Presbytery.

Minister deceased:

February 16, 1915, Rev. John H. Atkinson.

Church dissolved:

April 20, 1915, Breesport.

8. **Presbytery of Columbia** consists of 16 Ministers, 17 Churches, and has under its care 1 candidate for the ministry.

Minister received:

April 20, 1915, Rev. William Mackay, from the Presbytery of Pueblo.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 20, 1915, David B. Van Dyck of Greenville, N. Y.

Minister dismissed:

April 20, 1915, Rev. Mehran H. Looloian to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

9. **Presbytery of Genesee** consists of 23 Ministers, and 18 Churches and has under its care 1 candidate.

Ministers received:

April 13, 1915, Rev. Michael B. Bubb, from the M. E. Conference of Central Pennsylvania;

September 28, 1915, Rev. John Martin Van Tillburg from Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

July 21, 1915, Ray Morris.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 12, 1915, between the Rev. Joseph Sunter and the Church at Stone Church;

April 27, 1915, between the Rev. James B. Crawford and the Church at Corfu;

July 21, 1915, between the Rev. Theodore T. Hays and the Church at Byron;

September 28, 1915, between the Rev. Samuel D. Angel and the Church at Oakfield.

Installations:

May 13, 1915, Rev. Michael B. Bubb, over the Church at East Bethany.

Ministers dismissed:

April 12, 1915, Rev. Joseph Sunter to Presbytery of Rochester;

April 27, 1915, Rev. James B. Crawford to Presbytery of Carlisle;

July 21, 1915, Rev. Theodore T. Hays to Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidate transferred:

September 28, 1915, Donald M. Chappel to Presbytery of Peoria.

Minister deceased:

January 6, 1915, Rev. Samuel Riddagh, aged 55 years.

10. **Presbytery of Geneva** consists of 27 Ministers, 20 Churches and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:

April 20, 1915, Rev. Rufus H. Bent from the Presbytery of Northumberland;

June 28, 1915, Rev. Alva M. King from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ministers dismissed:

April 20, 1915, Rev. Henry V. Swinnerton to the Presbytery of Otsego.

September 21, 1915, Rev. John S. Niles to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara; Rev. Frederick W. Southworth to the Presbytery of Detroit.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 28, 1915, between Rev. John S. Niles and the Trumansburg Church;

June 28, 1915, between Norman C. Schenck and the Waterloo Church.

Installations:

October 8, 1914, Rev. Henry E. Andrews over the Church at Durden;

May 2, 1915, Rev. Rufus H. Bent over the Church at West Fayette;

September 29, 1915, Rev. Alva V. King over the Church at Trumansburg.

Candidates received:

June 28, 1915, Orlin Francis Warren;

September 21, 1915, William M. Mackay.

Candidate dropped:

September 21, 1915, Howard A. Webster.

Minister deceased:

August 30, 1915, Rev. Frederick H. Mattius.

11. **Presbytery of Hudson** consists of Ministers Churches
and has under its care licentiates and candidates.

Ministers dismissed:

January 19, 1915, O. B. Neroz from the Congregational Association of Philadelphia; Hugh Russel Fraser from Rochester Presbytery; Frank B. Schoonover from Newton Presbytery; Daniel G. Lawson from Westchester Presbytery; Lowrie D. Cory from French Broad Presbytery;

April 20, 1915, Thomas M. Weaver from Mankato Presbytery; W. August George from Otsego Presbytery;

June 29, 1915, Warren J. Conrad from New York Presbytery;

September 21, 1915, Luther B. Plumer from Long Island Presbytery; Edwin P. Essic from Binghamton Presbytery.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 19, 1915, Henry Smith Leiper.

Licentiates received:

April 20, 1915, Royal L. Neufeld from Brooklyn Presbytery.

Candidates licensed:

January 19, 1915, Henry Smith Leiper.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 19, 1915, between Elias Martin Gehr and the Denton Church.

Ordinations:

April 20, 1915, Henry Smith Leiper.

Installations:

January 28, 1915, Daniel G. Lawson over the Church at Livingston Manor;

February 4, 1915, Frank B. Schoonover over the Church at Scotchtown;

February 9, 1915, Hugh Russel Fraser over the Church at Monticello;

March 5, 1915, Lowrie D. Cory over the Church at Palisades;

May 5, 1915, W. August George over the Church at Washingtonville;

July 22, 1915, Warren J. Conrad over the Church at Liberty.

Ministers dismissed:

January 19, 1915, Elias Martin Gehr to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

April 20, 1915, Henry Natsch to the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley;

June 29, 1915, J. Hudson Ballard to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Ministers deceased:

April 21, 1915, Floyd A. Crane;

August 9, 1915, James S. E. Erskine.

12. **Presbytery of Long Island** consists of 28 Ministers and 23 Churches
and has under its care licentiates and candidates.

Ministers received:

March 19, 1915, Rev. Walter A. Hendricks from the Presbytery of Seattle;

July 8, 1915, Rev. William G. Clark-Duff from the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 19, 1915, Rev. Horace H. Leavitt, Jr. and the Amagansett Church.

Installation

July 8, 1915, Rev. Wm. G. Clark-Duff, over the Amagansett Church.

Ministers dismissed:

March 19, 1915, Rev. Horace H. Leavitt, Jr., to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

July 8, 1915, Rev. Luther B. Plumer, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Minister deceased:

October 14, 1914, Rev. Albert L. Kelly, at Philadelphia, Pa., aged 81 years.

Licentiates dropped from roll:

April 20, 1915, William F. Shepherd and Hugh J. Lilburn.

13. **Presbytery of Lyons** consists of Ministers, Churches,
and has under its care licentiates and candidates.

Ministers received:

March 12, 1915, Rev. Boyd McCleary from the Presbytery of New York;

April 13, 1915, Rev. W. W. McWilliams from the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. Thomas C. Guy from Abingdon Presbytery U. S..

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 17, 1915, Rev. Peter McKenzie with the Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra.

Installations:

March 12, 1915, Rev. Boyd McCleary over the Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra;

April 30, 1915, Rev. W. W. McWilliams, over the Church at Marion.

Ministers dismissed:

November 17, 1915, Rev. Peter McKenzie to the Presbytery of Utica;

September 21, 1915, Rev. Henry T. Scholl to Presbytery of Otsego.

14. **Presbytery of Nassau** consists of Ministers, Churches,
and has under its care licentiates and candidates.

December 14, 1914, Oliver C. Morse, from Presbytery of Westchester, present address Greenlawn, N. Y.

Licentiate received:

February 8, 1915, Fred E. Brooks from the Presbytery of Kirksville.

Ordination:

February 23, 1915, Fred E. Brooks.

Installations:

February 23, 1915, Fred E. Brooks over Church at Mineola.

Minister dismissed:

December 14, 1914, Kneeland P. Ketcham to Presbytery of Florida.
Name dropped from roll:

April 13, 1915, David Yule.

Miscellaneous:

The name of Ferdinand S. Schiverea has been restored to the roll after its omission from the roll for a number of years by mistake. He was ordained as an evangelist by this Presbytery in 1905. No report had been received from him in years until this year, and in some manner his name had been inadvertently omitted.

15. **Presbytery of New York** consists of 186 Ministers, Churches and has under its care 6 licentiates and 14 candidates.

Ministers received:

November 9, 1914, Rev. Basil Douglas Hall from the Oneida, Chango and Delaware Congregational Association.

January 11, 1915, Rev. James H. Colborne from Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Robert Watson from the Presbytery of Cincinnati;

March 8, 1915, Rev. John Salastin from the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. Elliott W. Brown from Franklin Congregational Association;

April 12, 1914, Rev. D. Johnson Fleming from the Presbytery of Lahore.

October 4, 1915, Rev. Pietro Griglio from the Waldensian Church;

Rev. Frank M. Hyder from the Presbytery of Westminster; Rev.

Wm. Bishop Gates from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 11, 1915, James Gordon Gilkey, James T. Carney, David R. Wylie, Clarence E. Carter, Roy B. Chamberlain, Frank Kovacs;

April 12, 1915, Earl L. Douglass, Frank Pisani;

June 14, 1915, Romeo Ghiradello, Louis Passione.

October 4, 1915, John A. Ongaro, Dimitry S. Dibich, Nicholas Motin.

Licentiates received:

January 11, 1915, R. Arthur Basham from the Colorado Conference of the M. E. Church;

March 8, 1915, Albert J. Curry, Jr., from the Presbytery of Memphis.

Candidates licensed:

April 12, 1915, David R. Wylie, Roy B. Chamberlain, Frank Fitt, John W. Darr, Paulo Sibilio, Robert C. Pitzer, Clarence E. Carter.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 1, 1915, between Rev. T. W. Smith and the St. Nicholas Avenue Church.

Ordinations:

May 23, 1915, John W. Darr, Albert B. Curry, Jr.

June 15, 1915, Paulo Sibilio.

Installations:

- January 15, 1915, Rev. Robert Watson over the Scotch Church;
March 25, 1915, Rev. Elliott W. Brown, over the St. Nicholas Ave. Church;
June 20, 1915, Rev. George W. Arms, Jr. over the Harlem-New York Church.

Ministers dismissed:

- November 9, 1914, Rev. Thomas W. Smith, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
March 8, 1915, Rev. Boyd McCleary to the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. Charles H. Wicks to the Wichita Congregational Association; Rev. John H. Copeland, to the Hebburn Presbytery Church of Durham, England; Rev. J. Garland Hamner, Jr., to the Classis of Newark;
April 12, 1915, Rev. Philip S. Bird to the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. Francis E. Marsten to the Presbytery of Boston;
June 14, 1915, Rev. Warren J. Conrad to the Hudson Presbytery;
October 4, 1915, Rev. Frederick N. Lindsay to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Name dropped from the roll:

- January 11, 1915, Rev. Gustave J. D'Anchisi.

Chosen pastor emeritus:

- February 15, 1915, Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall over the West 23rd Street Church.

Licentiates dismissed:

- April 28, 1915, Robert C. Pitzer to the Presbytery of Westminster;
May 3, 1915, Roy B. Chamberlain to the Presbytery of Champlain;
June 4, 1915, Frank Fitt to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
September 10, 1915, R. A. Basham to the Presbytery of Albany.

Churches enrolled:

- February 15, 1915, American International.

Change of name:

- The First Union Church changed in January, 1915, to the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Churches consolidated:

- April 12, 1915, The Harlem and the New York Churches to be known as the Harlem-New York Church.

Ministers deceased:

- December 18, 1915, Rev. Albert Barnes King at Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 86;
April 3, 1915, Rev. Wm. P. Swartz at Forest Hills, N. Y., aged 56;
April 14, 1915, Rev. Daniel S. Gregory at East Orange, N. J., aged 82;
August 30th, 1915, Rev. James M. Simonton at Orient, L. I., aged 65.

16. **Presbytery of Niagara** consists of 23 Ministers and 24 Churches and has under its care 1 licentiate and 2 candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

Ministers received:

January 11, 1915, Gustave A. Papperman from the Presbytery of Muncie;

September 27, 1915, Rev. Theodore T. Hays from the Presbytery of Genesee; Rev. Jacob Klaasse from the Presbytery of Saginaw.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

May 1, 1915, between Rev. Peter Birrel and the Wilson Church;

April 19, 1915, Rev. L. M. Lawrence and the Holley Church.

Installations:

January, 1915, Rev. Gustavo A. Papperman over the First Church of Lockport;

May 19, 1915, Rev. Peter Birrell over Knowlesville Church;

October 5, 1915, Rev. Theodore T. Hays over the Holley Church;

October 14, 1915, Rev. Jacob Klaasse over the Mapleton Church.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:

Sept. 27, 1915, Cecil Wicker.

Ministers dismissed:

April 19, 1915, Rev. Charles A. Lawrence to the Presbytery of Utica;

September 27, 1915, Rev. Robert Duncan to the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. E. L. Tiffany, M.D. to the New York Evangelical Conference.

Minister deceased:

December 10, 1914, Rev. J. B. Umberger at Lockport, aged 59 years.

17. **Presbytery of North River** consists of 38 Ministers, 30 Churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 19, 1915, Rev. Eugene M. Van Note from Presbytery of Chester.

October 4, 1915, Rev. R. C. White from the Presbytery of Mormfuth.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

May 2, 1915, Rev. Wm. H. Wilcox and Freedom Plains Church.

Installation:

May 5, 1915, Rev. Eugene M. Van Note over Highland Falls Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 11, 1915, Rev. Chas. W. Dane to Presbytery of Steuben;

April 20, 1915, Rev. Wm. H. Wilcox to the Presbytery of Baltimore;

September 17, 1915, Rev. John H. Reid to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Candidate transferred:

June 14, 1915, Charles B. Swartz to Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Ministers deceased (not before reported):

February 5, 1914, Rev. Mortimer Smith at Madalin, N. Y., aged 77 yrs.;

April 8, 1914, Rev. Chas. L. Barringer at Aucram, N. Y., aged 66 years.

Miscellaneous:

October 4, 1915, Chas. H. Stuart elected as Treasurer.

18. Presbytery of Otsego consists of 30 Ministers and 30 Churches and has under its care 3 candidates for the Ministry.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1915, Rev. Nicholas S. Becker from Presbytery of New-ton; Rev. Vaclav P. Bachora from Presbytery of Newburyport;

April 20, 1915, Rev. Henry U. Swinnerton from Presbytery of Geneva;

April 26, 1915, Rev. Titus C. Josat from Presbytery of Lackawanna.
Licentiate received:

June 9, 1915, John C. Rankin from Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordinations:

April 20, 1915, Elmer E. Frederick;

June 9, 1915, John C. Rankin.

Installations:

May 13, 1915, Rev. Nicholas S. Becker over Milford Church;

June 9, 1915, Rev. John C. Rankin over Unadilla Church;

September 27, 1915, Rev. Vaclav P. Bachora over Hobart Church.

Ministers dismissed:

October 20, 1914, Rev. W. August George to Hudson Presbytery;

April 20, 1915, Rev. John B. Kalaria to Philadelphia North Presby-tery;

September 20, 1915, Rev. Edwin N. Kline to Albany Presbytery.

Ministers deceased:

1914, Rev. Frank W. Townsend, Unadilla;

January 2, 1915, Rev. Howard Cornell, Breakabeen;

June 21, 1915, Rev. Alpheus P. Mecker, Otego;

September 19, 1915, Rev. Bryce K. Douglas, Oneonta.

19. Presbytery of Rochester consists of 64 Ministers and 51 Churches and has under its care 2 candidates.

Ministers received:

November 30, 1914, J. Canfield Van Doren from the Presbytery of Utica;

April 13, 1915, Joseph Sunter from the Presbytery of Geneva; Amos A. Kiehle from the Presbytery of Milwaukee;

September 27, 1915, Albert Sellers Mays, from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 30, 1914, between Rev. Herbert S. Harris and the Mt. Morris Church.

Installations:

December 10, 1914, Rev. J. Canfield Van Doren over the Memorial Church, Rochester;

June 3, 1915, Rev. Joseph Sunter over the Church at Mt. Morris.

Ministers dismissed:

November 30, 1914, Rev. Herbert S. Harris to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. T. Johnson Bolger to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. Hugh Russel Fraser to the Presbytery of Hudson.

January 18, 1915, Rev. J. Howard Nichols to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

June 14, 1915, Rev. Fred J. Tower to the Presbytery of Albany;

September 27, 1915, Rev. H. C. Millard to the Presbytery of Tulsa.

Ministers deceased:

October 12, 1914, Rev. Caleb H. Rodney;

September 26, 1915, Rev. James S. Root.

Church dropped from roll:

East Kendall, Morton, N. Y.

Licentiate dismissed:

September 27, 1915, H. Laurence Achilles to the Presbytery of Otsego.

20. **Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of 31 Ministers and 35 Churches, and has under its care 2 candidates.

Ministers received:

April 13, 1915, Rev. Albert I. Dickenson from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Elias M. Gehr from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Installations:

May 4, 1915, Rev. Elias M. Gehr over the Church at Crary Mills;

May 27, 1915, Rev. Albert I. Dickenson over the Church at Oxbow.

Minister dismissed:

April 13, 1915, Rev. Charles A. Riley to the Black River Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches.

21. **Presbytery of Steuben** consists of Ministers, Churches and licentiates and has under its care candidates.

Ministers received:

January 19, 1915, Rev. Charles W. Dane from the Presbytery of North River;

February 16, 1915, Rev. Wesley W. Cole from the Presbytery of Utica;

April 20, 1915, Rev. George H. Wilkins from the Presbytery of Pendleton;

September 21, 1915, Rev. J. Hudson Ballard from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

September 21, 1915, two, but their names not given.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 26, 1914, between Rev. Lyman C. Pettit and Westminster Church, Hornell;

February 16, 1915, between the Rev. Thomas Melvin and the Church at Belmont;

September 21, 1915, between the Rev. Leo Alvin Gates and the Church at Cuba; between Rev. Frank E. Hoyt and the Church at Arkport.

Installations:

January 19, 1915, Rev. Charles W. Dane over Westminster Church, Hornell.

Ministers dismissed:

October 26, 1914, Rev. Lyman C. Pettit to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

April 20, 1915, Rev. I. B. Crist to the Presbytery of Carlisle;

September 21, 1915, Rev. Leo Alvin Gates to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Minister deceased:

March 7, 1915, Rev. Thomas Melvin at Belmont.

22. **Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of 45 Ministers, 44 Churches and has under its care 7 candidates.

Ministers received:

February 5, 1915, Rev. Charles S. Robertson from the Presbytery of Portsmouth; Rev. J. Howard Nichols from the Presbytery of Rochester;

June 7, 1915, Rev. Thomas F. Day from the Presbytery of Benicia; Rev. Adelbert Welch from the New York Eastern Christian Conference; Rev. Hajop M. Depoyan upon examination;

September 20, 1915, Rev. Cuthbert C. Frost from the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. Henry Snyder from the Presbytery of Sioux Falls.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

December 14, 1914, Ernest C. Tocci;

April 13, 1915, John Cristoforetti;

September 21, 1915, Myron L. Morley.

Licentiate received:

June 7, 1915, Ralph E. DeKay from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate licensed:

April 13, 1915, Vincent Bell.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 5, 1915, between Rev. C. W. Mason and the Jamesville

Church; June 23, 1915, between George C. Hitchcock and the West Church, Syracuse.

Ordination:

June 22, 1915, Ralph E. DeKay.

Installations:

February 15, 1915, Rev. J. Howard Nichols over the Collamer Church;

February 22, 1915, Rev. Charles S. Robertson, over the Fullerton Church;

June 22, 1915, Rev. Ralph E. DeKay over the Jamesville Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 12, 1915, Rev. M. A. Aigian to the Presbytery of Chicago;

June 7, 1915, Rev. George M. Rowland to the Presbytery of Neosho;

June 23, 1915, Rev. George C. Hitchcock to the Presbytery of Kansas City;

September 20, 1915, Rev. Borden A. Matzen to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Candidates transferred:

February 5, 1915, Gustavo E. Archilla to the Presbytery of Porto Rico.

Minister deceased:

December 7, 1914, Rev. Frederick J. Sauber.

23. **Presbytery of Troy** consists of 42 Ministers, 37 Churches and has under its care 3 candidates.

Ministers received:

April 20, 1915, Rev. Harry M. Taxis from West Jersey Presbytery;

May 3, 1915, Rev. Joseph H. Odell, from Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 21, 1915, Rev. D. H. Rejy from Congregational Churches of Hartford.

Minister dismissed:

February 22, 1915, Rev. Adelbert P. Higley to Presbytery of Cleveland.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 22, 1915, between Rev. Adelbert P. Higley and the First Presbyterian Church at Troy;

April 10, 1915, between Rev. Richard Abbott and the Presbyterian Church of Warrensburgh;

July 12, 1915, between Rev. George A. Humphries and the Memorial Church of Troy.

Installations:

October 13, 1914, Rev. William L. Sawtelle over the Second Church of Troy;

May 18, 1915, Rev. Harry M. Taxis over the Stillwater, Schoonmaker

Memorial Church;

May 4, 1915, Rev. Joseph H. Odell over the First Church of Troy.

24. **Presbytery of Utica** consists of Ministers, Churches,
and has under its care licentiates and candidates.

Ministers received:

October 28, 1914, Alexander R. Baron from Presbytery of North River;

December 22, 1914, Peter McKenzie from Presbytery of Lyons;

June 15, 1915, Charles A. Lawrence from Presbytery of Niagara;

September 28, 1915, Merritt J. Congdon from O. C. C. & D. Cong. Assn.; David C. Roberts from Presbytery of Crawfordsville;

Robert Duncan from Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 23, 1914, C. Stanley Bergner.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

September 29, 1914, Wesley W. Cole from Vernon Church;

December 22, 1914, Edward W. Robinson, from Lyon's Falls Church;

September 13, 1915, Cuthbert C. Frost from Lowville Church.

Installations:

October 23, 1914, Alexander R. Barron over New York Mills Church;

June 15, 1915, Charles A. Lawrence over Lyon's Falls Church.

Ministers dismissed:

September 29, 1914, Wesley W. Cole to Presbytery of Steuben;

November 16, 1914, J. Canfield Van Doren to Presbytery of Rochester;

September 13, 1915, Cuthbert C. Frost to Presbytery of Syracuse.

25. **Presbytery of Westchester** consists of 63 Ministers and 35 Churches, and has under its care 2 licentiates and 9 candidates.

Ministers received:

November 30, 1914, Rev. A. Raymond Eckels from the Presbytery of Seattle, and the Rev. Walter L. Steiner from the Classis of Orange of the Reformed Church of America;

January 19, 1915, Rev. Arthur J. Howard from the Baptist Union of New South Wales;

April 19, 1915, Rev. Philip S. Bird from the Presbytery of New York;

June 15, 1915, Rev. Ernest Glen Wood from the Presbytery of Chicago;

October 5, 1915, Rev. H. Marshall Thurlow, from the Presbytery of Athens.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

June 15, 1915, Arthur P. Dawson.

Candidates licensed:

April 20, 1915, Aubrey C. Ross.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 4, 1915, between Rev. Daniel Russell and the Irvington Church;

October 5, 1915, between Rev. G. Phillips Payson and the Katonah Church.

Ordinations:

October 11, 1914, Robert B. Galt;

October 27, 1914, George M. Whitmore.

Installations:

November 30, 1914, Rev. A. Raymond Eckels over the Bryn Mawr Park Church;

January 14, 1915, Rev. Walter L. Steiner over the Mt. Kisco Church;

June 15, 1915, Rev. Philip S. Bird over the Greenburgh Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 19, 1915, Rev. John Lee Maddox to the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley;

April 19, 1915, Rev. George F. Pentecost to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Rev. John M. Trout to the Norfolk Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts;

October 4, 1915, Rev. E. Floyd Rippey to the Presbytery of Syracuse, and the Rev. Daniel Russell to the Presbytery of New York.

Name dropped:

October 4, 1915, Rev. James W. Rae.

Ministers deceased:

December 29, 1914, Rev. Henry R. White;

January 18, 1915, Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer.

II. CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES

1. *Presbytery of Albany*—Rev. Charles G. Sewall, Stated Clerk.

2. *North River*—Chas. H. Stuart elected Treasurer.

III. REPORT OF WOMEN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

To the Venerable The Synod of New York

The most notable event in the History of Woman's Home Missionary Work, during the past year, has been the incorporation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

This action, resulting in some changes in the mode of administration, in particular, that in the future, gifts from Sabbath Schools are to be sent to

the Treasury of the Assembly's Board of Home Missions, has rested upon all Women's Synodical Societies a greater measure of responsibility. They must see it that their treasuries are not depleted thereby. They must diligently work so that reductions in receipts in some directions may be made good in others.

The Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions of the Synod of New York rejoices that, in many respects, judging by its fruits, in presenting to your Venerable Body its thirty-third Annual Report, it can thank God for what was wrought by the Society in 1914-1915. This certainly gives promise of what can and will be accomplished in 1915-16.

The total receipts from all sources for the Woman's Board were, including \$15,767.70 for the Freedmen's Department, \$84,415.47.

In thirty-two years only three times have New York's Synodical receipts been larger. Surely the figures are both a sign and a promise, we believe, of greater things for the year to come.

Our Presbyterial Societies number the same, twenty-five, our Women's Societies have increased by four, and are 647, the membership of the same being 28,128, a gain of 1,887. Figures in either case are not reliable, as the rule of reporting varies in different Societies.

Westminster Guild Chapters have a slight increase numerically, while Young Women's Societies show a loss of nine auxiliaries. There is probably some confusion in the statistics sent in for Light Bearers and Little Light Bearers. The former embraces in its ranks children over six years of age: in the Light Bearers there is an increase of 31 Bands, while the Little Light Bearers have fallen from 106 to an enrollment of 30. The two organizations may be confounded with one another. Be that as it may, as an organization, we are appalled at this report of the paucity of representation in the ranks of the children, only 168 Societies of them, enlisted in mission work, in our State. We would respectfully appeal to Pastors and Elders, asking them to help us women to shepherd the lambs and to feed them. Young People's Societies and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor have fallen from 403 Societies in 1914, to 300 in 1915, and Mission Study Classes have decreased from 162 to 98 in 1915. We trust that these figures may be revised and corrected by our Secretaries of these branches of our Home Mission Synodical Society. Can it be, we ask ourselves, and submit to your Venerable Body the serious question, is our great church losing its hold upon our young people? We trust it is only in seeming, but the subscriptions to the Home Mission Monthly and to Over Sea and Land are apparently greatly diminished, the year 1915, evincing a great loss of subscribers. Without knowledge there is no power, and we shall certainly try during the year 1916 to increase the circulation of these invaluable publications for adults and children.

Our year has closed. Its record is on high. Successes and failures are of the Past. The Future holds in it possibilities to increase the former and to overcome the latter.

Death has been in our midst, bringing sadness to our hearts and loss to our work. Yet, as we listen to the voices of those who have entered into rest, victors thru Him that loved them, we hear them say, "Work, while it is called today, for the night cometh in which no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. G. C.) CATHERINE B. G. YEISLEY,
President Woman's Synodical Society of Home
Missions of the Synod of New York.

October, 1915.

IV. MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. William J. Milne, 5 Elk St., Albany; Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, 44 Chestnut St., Albany; Mrs. A. R. Olney, 700 Sixth St., Watervliet; Miss Mary Green, Gloversville; Mrs. Henry T. McEwen, 23 Church St., Amsterdam; Mrs. John H. Finley, 272 State St., Albany; Mrs. E. C. Lawrence, 36 University Place, Schenectady; Mrs. A. S. Brandow, 188 Washington Ave., Albany.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Waverly; Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, Binghamton; Mrs. H. A. Clark, Owego; Mrs. Laura Fish, Waverly; Mrs. Carl W. Scovel, Cortland; Mrs. Franklin Putnam, Binghamton.

Brooklyn—Mrs. I. E. Hasbrouck, 364 Carleton Ave., Brooklyn; Mrs. W. W. Hayden, 265 Washington Ave., Brooklyn; Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, 76 St. James Pl., Brooklyn.

Buffalo—Mrs. Charles J. North, 51 Johnson Park, Buffalo; Mrs. John C. Bryant, 472 Franklin St., Buffalo; Mrs. Fred K. Eaton, Olean; Mrs. William H. Walker, Westfield; Miss Kate E. Putnam, 452 Franklin St., Buffalo; Mrs. Charles H. Seymour, 213 West 76th St., New York; Mrs. Sidney McDougall, 302 Summer St., Buffalo; Mrs. Chas. E. Roades.

Cayuga—Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, 11 Seminary St., Auburn; Mrs. James Seymour, 66 South St., Auburn; Mrs. R. B. Welch, 115 North St., Auburn; Mrs. Henry G. Wise, 8 Lewis St., Auburn; Mrs. J. S. Manro, 2 Lansing St., Auburn; Mrs. A. M. Dulles, 67 South St., Auburn.

Champlain—Mrs. H. C. Cavanaugh, Plattsburg; Mrs. R. N. Porter, Malone; Mrs. J. H. Hallock, Saranac Lake; Mrs. W. F. Brown, Mineville; Mrs. W. T. Eaton, Champlain.

Chémung—Mrs. Courtland F. Carrier, 511 Union Place, Elmira; Mrs. R. H. Evans, 108 Harmon St., Elmira; Mrs. G. M. Welles, Elmira; Mrs. George J. Magee, Watkins; Miss M. E. Norton, 226 W. Second St., Elmira; Mrs. Frank Bentley, Horseheads.

Columbia—Mrs. S. F. Henderson, Catskill; Mrs. Truman Johnson, Windham; Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Hudson.

Genesee—Mrs. O. L. C. Arnold, Wyoming; Mrs. W. E. Prentice, 541 Main St., Batavia.

Geneva—Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Main St., Geneva; Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Geneva; Mrs. Benjamin F. Pritchard, Phelps; Mrs. Charles Lester, Seneca Falls.

Hudson—Mrs. George H. Bonsall, Haverstraw; Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Washingtonville; Mrs. Francis Stoddard Haines, Goshen; Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Thompson Ridge.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Greenport, L. I.; Miss Mary Hubbard Howell, Riverhead, L. I.; Mrs. Ephie Whitaker, Southold, L. I. Mrs. Emily C. Hedges, Bridgehampton, L. I.

Lyons—Mrs. J. E. Lawrence, Wolcott; Mrs. S. S. Peirson, Newark; Mrs. Pheba A. Vary, Wolcott.

Nassau—Mrs. John H. Prall, Elmhurst, L. I.; Mrs. Theo. W. Smith, Smithtown Branch, L. I.; Miss Amelia Blyndenburgh, Smithtown Branch, L. I.

New York—Mrs. Ray Clarke Tillinghast, 529 West 111th St., New York; Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, 322 West 56th St., New York; Mrs. Henry Cole Smith, 618 W. 148th St., New York; Mrs. John Sinclair, 471 Park Ave., New York; Mrs. Killaen Van Rensselaer, 31 East 49th St., New York; Mrs. James Yereance, 67 West 55th St., New York; Mrs. James M. Gifford, 319 West 103rd St., New York; Mrs. James E. Ware, 1285 Madison Ave., New York; Mrs. Seymour M. Ballard, 88 Central Park West, New York.

Niagara—Mrs. Robert Norton, 210 Niagara St., Lockport.

North River—Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Shekomeko; Mrs. Leroy C. Colley, 2 Reservoir Square, Poughkeepsie; Mrs. Frederick Stockwell, 84 Grand St., Newburgh.

Otsego—Mrs. W. D. Jones, Worcester; Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Oneonta; Mrs. Hector Cowan, Hobart; Mrs. Thomas W. Roberts, Richfield Springs.

Rochester—Mrs. Edward Bristol, Brockport; Mrs. Julia M. Davis, 26 Seneca Parkway, Rochester; Mrs. E. A. Webster, 96 Lake Ave., Rochester; Miss A. C. Barton, 292 Tremont St., Rochester; Mrs. E. D. Chapin, 88 Troup St., Rochester; Mrs. Bertram L. Search, 60 Brunswick St., Rochester; Mrs. F. J. Woodworth, 8 Van St., Rochester; Mrs. H. M. Gilt, Charlotte.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. H. L. Smith, Gouverneur; Mrs. J. P. Bonney, Potsdam; Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Hammond; Mrs. Rufus L. Sisson, 53 Elm St., Potsdam.

Steuben—Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Cuba; Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Hornell; Mrs. Francis A. Williams, 216 Cedar St., Corning.

Syracuse—Mrs. Irving G. Vann, 316 James St., Syracuse; Mrs. Orson L. White, Skaneateles; Mrs. A. E. Hudson, 338 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse; Mrs. E. L. Torbert, 311 Clarendon St., Syracuse; Mrs. F. G. Sauber, Marcellus; Mrs. A. J. Abeel, 1431 S. Salina St., Syracuse.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, 547 Second Ave., Upper Troy; Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy; Miss Lucy H. Sherman, 1920 Fifth Ave., Troy; Mrs. Robert B. Stiles, 668 Third Ave., Upper Troy; Mrs. C. L. Wells, 255 Eighth St., Troy; Mrs. William E. Marden, Woodside Manse, Troy; Miss May A.

Philip, 26 2nd Ave., Upper Troy; Mrs. Lewis W. Raymond, 2161 12th St., Troy; Mrs. H. J. McCune, Troy; Mrs. John W. Ford, Waterford; Mrs. J. Erwin Anthony, 1 Anthony Place, Troy.

Utica—Mrs. J. C. Greenman, 262 Genesee St., Utica; Mrs. H. H. Allen, Holland Patent; Miss Isabel M. Terrett, Clinton.

Westchester—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Katonah; Miss Marilla C. Foster, Carmel; Mrs. A. C. McMillan, 207 Warburton Ave., Yonkers; Mrs. Dwight Holbrook, Ossining; Mrs. William G. Arnold, Katonah.

V. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD

The Synod of New York was incorporated by Chapter 340 of the Laws of 1884. It combined and contained the Synods of Albany, Central New York, Geneva, Long Island, New York and Western New York. Pursuant to that statute the Synod adopted by-laws. The property owned by Synod or held in trust by Synod, is managed by Trustees elected by Synod, and the following are the Trustees of Synod:

President—Rev. Anthony H. Evans.

Secretary—John T. D. Blackburn.

Treasurer—Edwin T. Hanford.

Terms expiring in 1916: Rev. David G. Wylie, Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris, Rush Taggart, R. E. Wilcox.

Terms expiring in 1917: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, Rev. A. C. McMillan, Edwin T. Hanford, Sanford R. Knapp.

Terms expiring in 1918: Rev. Francis S. Haines, Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, William Thompson, John M. Baxter.

Ex-officio: Rev. Arthur Newman, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, John T. D. Blackburn.

By action of Synod, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name, for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances of real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable, for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws, and the By-laws of said Synod.

VI. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1882.	*HENRY A. NELSON, D.D., <i>Convener</i>	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*HOWARD CROSBY, D.D.	New York	Utica
1883.	JAMES McLEOD, D.D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	*JOHN McC. HOLMES, D.D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. MERRILL MILLER, D.D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*JOSEPH E. NASSAU, D.D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*CHARLES C. WALLACE, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. RALSTON SMITH, D.D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	*SAMUEL JESSUP, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D.D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	ASA S. FISKE, D.D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*LEVI PARSONS, D.D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*JAMES GARDNER, D.D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	GEORGE C. YEISLEY, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	HOWARD DUFFIELD, D.D.	Long Island	Batavia
1896.	RALPH E. PRIME, D.C.L., LL.D., Elder.	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	*JOSEPH GAMBLE, D.D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	*A. CAMERON MACKENZIE, D.D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	JAMES H. ROBINSON, D.D.	Otsego	Troy
1900.	DAVID G. WYLIE, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	*WILLIAM WAITH, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	*WILLIAM K. HALL, D.D.	North River	Albany
1903.	*WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, D.D.	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	DANA W. BIGELOW, D.D.	Utica	Middletown
1905.	ISAAC JENNINGS, D.D.	Chemung	Syracuse
1906.	ANTHONY H. EVANS, D.D.	New York	Lockport
1907.	*SAMUEL W. PRATT, D.D.	Steuben	Brooklyn
1908.	JOHN F. CARSON, D.D.	Brooklyn	Kingston
1909.	*WILLIS J. BEECHER, D.D.	Cayuga	Johnstown
1910.	JAMES ROBERTSON	St. Lawrence	Rochester
1911.	MARTIN D. KNEELAND, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1912.	HENRY WARD, D.D.	Buffalo	Gouverneur
1913.	E. VAN DYKE WIGHT, D.D.	Hudson	Auburn
1914.	WALTER ROCKWOOD FERRIS, D.D.	Syracuse	Middletown
1915.	ARTHUR NEWMAN	New York	Binghamton
	*Deceased.		

VII. STANDING RULES

I

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half past seven o'clock, p. m. The officers of Synod shall be a

Moderator to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such Temporary Clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, *ad interim* a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall, in like manner, be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment, and a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

III

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV

Each Presbytery shall at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and Churches added together, is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches

added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor and the chairman of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their postoffice addresses.

VII

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII

A complete roll of the Ministers and Churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

IX

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.

3. Minutes of General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
7. To nominate Trustees of the Synod.
8. On the records of the several Presbyteries.
9. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.
10. In every year of even numbers a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Religious Education. III. Foreign Missions. IV. Education. V. Church Erection. VI. Ministerial Relief. VII. Missions to Freedmen. VIII. Aid for Colleges. IX. Sabbath Observance. X. Temperance. Such permanent committees to consist each of four ministers and three ruling elders.

X

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules of Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XI

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XII

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes, abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIII

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XIV

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of

the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XV

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVI

An Executive Commission shall be appointed of which the Moderator of the Synod be chairman *ex-officio*, one minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years. The work of this Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

XVII

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable, after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

XVIII

(1) All committees of Synod shall report in writing, and all reports of permanent Committees and of Special Committees appointed at one meeting of Synod, to report at a later meeting, shall be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, at least twenty days before the annual meeting of Synod; such reports shall be printed by the Stated Clerk in a Blue Book, to be ready at the place of meeting six hours before the meeting, and distributed to the delegates as they enroll; such reports shall not be read on the Floor of Synod unless ordered by Synod and shall be abstracted and not printed in full in the minutes; the action of Synod thereon to be printed and such abstracts therefrom as may be necessary to show the action of Synod.

(2) The Committee on Synodical Missions shall print its own report as Part II of the Blue Book and have the same in the hands of the Stated Clerk for distribution at the time and manner above provided as to the Blue Book.

The clerks shall furnish to each delegate on his enrollment a uniform card to be filled up by him and delivered to the clerks, which shall state his name, name of his Presbytery, the day of his enrollment and such other

information as to the clerks may be convenient. Such cards shall constitute a duplicate roll for use of the clerks and of Synod.

The roll shall not be called during meetings of Synod, except only the final roll call, unless Synod shall otherwise direct.

VIII. CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. ARRANGEMENTS—Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell.
2. PLACE OF MEETING IN 1916—Rev. Arthur Newman.
3. DIVORCE AND RE-MARRIAGE—Elder Ralph E. Prime.

IX. PERMANENT COMMITTEES

I. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: *Ministers*—Robert Wells Veach, Harris B. Stewart, Leo A. Gates, Guy L. Morrill; *Elders*—David Dempsey, Augustus Denniston, Charles P. Mosher.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Charles McKenzie, William H. Hopkins, William C. Spicer, William L. Sawtelle; *Elders*—John T. D. Blackburn, James W. McMartin, Paul Cook.

III. CHURCH ERECTION: *Ministers*—Frank M. Kerr, Samuel H. Seem, Charles E. Craven, George H. Feltus; *Elders*—J. Carl Schmuck, John H. Prall, Edwin W. Rowley.

IV. EDUCATION: *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, Gerard B. F. Hallock, Theodore M. Carlisle, James A. Miller, Arthur H. Limouze, John J. MacDonald; *Elders*—E. B. Russell, J. C. Fisher, A. P. Storrs, John A. MacIntosh, D.D.

V. MINISTERIAL RELIEF: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Christopher G. Hazard, Henry A. Porter; *Elders*—Charles S. Butler, Edward W. Ibbotson, Edgar C. Leonard, Robert Cluett.

VI. FREEDMEN: *Ministers*—Arthur J. Waugh, Anthony M. Petersen, John R. Mackay, William A. Byrd; *Elders*—LeRoy C. Cooly, V. A. D. Reed, Benjamin P. Wayne.

VII. COLLEGE AID: *Ministers*—John C. Ball, Frederick W. Palmer, Allan Macy Dulles, Charles L. Carhart; *Elders*—Rathbun J. Hunt, C. C. Swan, H. N. Daggett.

VIII. TEMPERANCE: *Ministers*—Ebenezer B. McGhec, William W. Weller, Edwin H. Dickinson, John W. Ross; *Elders*—Lewis D. Collins, H. Osgood Holland, J. B. Scoville.

IX. LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, John F. Carson, William P. Stevenson, Arthur Newman; *Elders*—George W. Banks, Winthrop S. Gilman.

X. PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD: *Ministers*—Carl W. Scovel, John J. Lawrence, Jonathan C. Day, Albert C. Fulton; *Elders*—Lucius L. Van Slyke, Albert P. McGraw, Samuel B. Van Buren.

XI. EXECUTIVE COMMISSION: *Ministers*—Walter Rockwood Ferris, William J. Cumming, David G. Wylie, George B. Stewart; *Elders*—William McCarrell, Rush Taggart, Chas. W. Seymour.

XII. SYNODICAL MISSIONS: *Elders*—G. P. Conard, D. C. Hurd, W. N. Wheeler, Edgar C. Leonard, Hon. W. S. Bennett, James N. Wyckoff; *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, George S. Webster, J. Howard Hobbs, W. R. Ferris, Charles G. Ellis, V. N. Vergin, George Fairlee, U. L. Mackey.

SYNOD OF NEW YORK
X. STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

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SYNOD AND PRESBYTERIES		Presb's	Ministers	Licent's	Loc. Evan.	Candidates	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Ex.	Added on Cer.	Restored	Dismissed	Susp. Roll	Deceased	Net Total	Bap. Conf.	Bap. Infants
Synod of New York		30	1236	39	54	117	931	4695	1707	13709	7706	964	6334	5128	2806	218954	5038	6227
1.	Albany		73	1		5	49	251	93	581	413	13	291	119	181	11,443	219	240
2.	Binghamton		36			1	34	165	62	326	256	58	252	176	81	6910	166	103
3.	Brooklyn		93	2	1	14	47	304	241	1265	1136	53	904	507	261	21,275	169	764
4.	Buffalo		72	2		2	56	358	85	926	571	57	359	308	146	14,646	288	377
5.	Cayuga		41	9		8	22	129	39	298	176	17	171	41	78	5327	152	93
6.	Champlain		18			4	21	52	23	104	68	12	53	12	34	2238	28	77
7.	Chemung		21			3	21	91	23	153	109	64	74	175	51	3291	82	66
8.	Chile		29	1	29	7	17	50	27	77	31	9	82	23	10	928	66	82
9.	Columbia		16			1	17	60	7	109	23		31	23	26	1754	45	16
10.	Eastern Persia		13													317		
11.	Genesee		22			1	18	102	16	157	117	10	80	188	41	3699	84	77
12.	Geneva		29			7	20	119	61	307	130	29	176	81	79	5583	136	129
13.	Hudson		50	1		2	47	194	35	390	152	18	158	138	115	7384	99	132
14.	Long Island		28				23	115	15	159	44	3	47	55	54	4154	59	79
15.	Lyons		22			19	102	15	128	90	50	86	58	39	3453	48	50	
16.	Nassau		30			2	30	121	43	229	152	4	100	69	45	4475	44	200
17.	New York		186	8		12	61	455	351	2176	1402	143	1002	965	312	34,895	243	1077
18.	Niagara		24	1		1	24	118	25	497	106	6	90	60	59	4686	199	134
19.	North Laos		18	1			28	174	49	1091	248	27	428	147	144	6934	906	629
20.	North River		42			3	30	156	60	248	155	26	156	85	91	6106	76	212
21.	Otsego		33	1		2	30	117	33	306	150	19	143	106	79	4035	176	98
22.	Porto Rico		17	5	12	8	34	67	24	302	109	2	117	460	38	2538	286	98
23.	Rochester		65	1		2	51	297	38	1041	627	74	401	308	198	15,908	331	401
24.	St. Lawrence		31			35	151	26	495	145	25	132	165	101	101	5447	165	166
25.	Siam		13	2	9	5	13	24	2	94	1		2		13	821	83	35
26.	Stauben		29				25	124	26	375	91	8	143	91	56	4792	246	70
27.	Syracuse		40	1		7	44	227	77	433	258	126	225	188	100	8506	183	183
28.	Troy		41		1	3	37	194	81	397	186	19	181	243	120	8483	107	173
29.	Utica		45			7	43	200	37	552	303	62	198	84	141	9495	234	194
30.	Westchester		68	3	2	8	35	178	93	493	457	30	252	253	113	9431	114	256

STATISTICS OF SYNOD—Continued.

Y. Mem.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education	Sch. Work	Church Erection	Relief- Sust.	Freedmen	Colleges	Temperance	General Assembly	Congre- gational	Miscel- laneous
172158	485693	384380	24,497	29,132	16,554	46,722	32,219	15,519	15,773	26,450.59	3,081,715	817,345
9298	16,188	18,476	4209	1145	543	2344	984	928	581	1,323.48	174,450	20,791
5498	9099	5404	1062	930	338	741	656	714	751	765.35	70,159	28,664
17,257	55,335	41,731	3579	2125	1169	2238	2322	1448	1444	2,573.00	321,864	77,377
14,846	56,945	29,977	1416	1700	1071	8881	3877	993	420	1,783.97	202,155	14,411
4246	5997	7384	1322	501	312	1255	1443	361	969	501.97	64,855	4195
1910	2344	3017	182	317	76	264	294	84	156	330.05	32,652	881
2600	1912	2315	249	324	160	379	280	207	274	393.44	37,918	703
2708	2	145							100	455.95	37,836	391
1023	2055	1717	374	144	88	286	440	82	107	193.57	19,374	2638
270												
3189	3380	3516	238	608	216	369	625	266	155	490.83	50,170	1626
4545	5755	6305	923	3514	269	629	1557	345	560	632.26	56,134	5179
4896	6494	4351	554	1125	392	776	778	541	971	1,067.72	145,810	2871
2841	4102	3355	323	832	388	714	720	225	349	531.83	47,763	2619
3064	2687	1890	145	325	91	233	279	92	660	460.71	42,284	1213
4171	3896	3200	229	845	443	847	794	232	328	668.88	83,336	2317
23,487	213,396	161,793	2712	6060	4271	15,189	4672	4630	593	4,946.00	648,404	508,009
4567	5680	4038	294	536	197	688	908	186	321	520.16	68,487	5995
6588	2306		4176		1092						1,373	
3982	7207	6776	570	856	342	649	913	321	278	904.58	81,851	925
2717	2677	1881	168	377	153	416	428	150	387	452.39	39,813	2825
2319	855	82	12	19	9	15	6	6	8	301.95	3,224	449
13,954	17,583	23,239	1289	1135	1852	1449	3469	998	1964	1,779.34	215,975	89,018
4929	7822	5101	473	680	269	910	963	295	831	595.03	64,793	6358
821	27	252		27		2				56.00	265	17
3626	2892	3523	387	461	174	490	633	166	354	506.88	64,668	1858
6787	9856	9939	667	850	358	733	1112	383	573	958.09	125,172	3237
5620	9840	11,338	686	998	862	2868	1272	642	222	879.88	129,592	6,688
6150	11,925	10,577	841	934	413	979	802	576	481	986.63	105,330	17,255
6949	17,436	13,058	717	1764	1006	2378	1992	648	1966	1,390.62	176,008	9285



REPORT

OF

Synodical Home Missions

NEW YORK STATE

1915

PERMANENT COMMITTEE, 1914-1915.

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REV. U. L. MACKEY, Synodical Superintendent
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
REV. ARTHUR HUNTINGTON ALLEN, Secretary
(in charge of Work for Foreign People),
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
REV. A. W. MADDOX, Secretary (in Charge
of Lumber Camp Work),
Faust, N. Y.

REV. A. J. DEAN, Secretary (in charge of
Department of Church Extension),
Utica, N. Y.

EDGAR C. LEONARD, - - - Albany, N. Y.
HON. W. S. BENNET - - - New York, N. Y.
(Term Expires 1915)

DEWITT C. HURD - - - Utica, N. Y.
GEORGE P. CONARD - - - Brooklyn, N. Y.
(Term Expires 1916)

W. M. WHEELER - - - Buffalo, N. Y.
J. N. WYCKOFF - - - Perry, N. Y.
(Term Expires 1917)

And the
Chairman of the various Presbyterian Com-
mittees of Synodical Home Missions, viz.:

ALBANY—Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D. D.,
Amsterdam, N. Y.

BINGHAMTON—Rev. John McVey, D. D.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

BROOKLYN—Rev. R. W. Anthony, Brooklyn, N. Y.

BUFFALO—Charles S. Butler, M. D.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

CATUGA—Rev. Vernon N. Yergin, Auburn, N. Y.

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Port Henry, N. Y.

CHEMUNG—Rev. J. Elmer Russell,
Watkins, N. Y.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1914-1915

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Synodical Home Missions

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Synod of New York in Session at Batavia, N. Y., October 19, 1915:

Your Committee on Synodical Home Missions would respectfully present this report of its work for the year ending September 30, 1915.

The year just closing has been a notable one in the Home Missionary work of the Synod. Beginning under serious apprehension that the war and the business situation would in all probability hinder the financial support of the work, we are happy to report that the Minutes of the General Assembly show an increase of Home Missionary offerings on the part of the Synod in the amount of approximately thirty thousand dollars, while to all the Benevolences the contributions show an increase of a hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars. This fact should give us pause, and encourage us to plan for large things in the work of the Kingdom of God.

A deepening interest is unquestionably appearing on the part of many of our churches. This is seen most particularly in the attitude of the Synod toward work for Foreign People, but coupled with this there are many signs of a purpose on the part of the Presbyteries to give more careful attention and sympathetic support to the work within their bounds. Especially should it be noted that one of our greatest Presbyteries has undertaken an aggressive campaign which will call for large service and contributions.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Changes in the Executive Committee during the year have been made by the appointment of the following gentlemen:—

The Rev. W. R. Ferris, D.D., Moderator of the Synod, of the Presbytery of Syracuse, to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of the Rev. James H. Robinson, D.D.

Mr. W. M. Wheeler, of the Presbytery of Buffalo, to take the place of Mr. E. P. Platt, deceased.

Mr. J. N. Wyckoff, of the Presbytery of Genesee, to take the place of Mr. Rufus L. Sisson.

At the June meeting the resignation of the Rev. Geo. Fairlee, D.D., was accepted. The vacancy has not yet been filled.

In the matter of the withdrawal of Drs. Robinson and Fairlee your Committee would present the following Minute:—

These brethren have been connected with the Home Mission work of the Synod ever since it became self-administrative, indeed they have had a fundamental part in the Home Missionary work of the State, having also served as Chairmen of the Home Missions Committees in their Presbyteries of Otsego and Troy. Dr. Fairlee has been the efficient Treasurer of this Committee since its organization, his accounts being a model of accuracy. He has also served as General Secretary of the Committee continuously since 1901. To both these brethren an expression of the appreciation of the Synod should be made, and in the name of the Synod we place on record our grateful recognition of their long and valued service.

Your action of last year committed to the Committee the duty of electing a Secretary and Treasurer with a view to certain action contemplated whereby the Synod's Committee would be brought into more vital financial relations with the Board of Home Missions. The Committee re-elected Dr. Fairlee to serve as Secretary and Treasurer until the first of April,

1915, at which time, his accounts having been audited, and approved, he turned over the office of Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Home Board, Mr. H. C. Olin, who in the mean time had been elected by your Committee to be Treasurer of the Synodical Home Missions of New York State. The secretaryship, having become a recording-secretaryship, the Rev. Geo. S. Webster, D.D., of the Presbytery of New York, was elected to that office.

The organization of the Committee therefore is:—

Chairman, Mr. George P. Leonard,

Vice-Chairman, Rev. H. T. McEwen, D.D.,

Secretary, Rev. Geo. S. Webster, D.D.,

Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Olin,

Synodical Superintendent, Rev. U. L. Mackey.

The Committee has held regular meetings each quarter and has endeavored to co-operate with the Presbyteries in carrying on a progressive and efficient Home Mission work throughout the State, seeking to carry out the will of the Synod as nearly as we were able to interpret it.

LOCATION OF OFFICE.

One year ago our attention was directed to the desirability of locating our New York office in the Presbyterian Building. We have therefore secured a room, which since the first of January has been occupied by the Synodical Superintendent and the Secretary of Work for Foreign People; and since the first of April by the Recording Secretary. The Board of Home Missions gives to your Committee the regular discount to offices of the Boards of the Church, 33%, the rent being \$30.00 per month. The Committee engaged Miss Mabel E. Shaylor to serve the office in the capacity of Secretary and stenographer. She has had a number of years experience in one of the offices of the Home Board, and her familiarity with the work of the Church has enhanced her value to the Committee. She has been serving the office since April first, doing the secretarial work for the Chairman, the Synodical Superintendent and Secretaries Allen and Webster.

OUTSTANDING FEATURE.

In harmony with your action a year ago authorizing your Committee to establish closer financial arrangements with the Board of Home Missions, we would report that after the most careful consideration and conference with the Board of Home Missions, in which conference we invited and secured representation from the Executive Commission of the Synod in the persons of your Moderator and Rush Taggart, Esq., such relations were entered into, on the basis of the Agreement with the Board of Home Missions, which appears in Appendix A.

The advantages of this Agreement seem to be:

First: It re-adjusts the administration of Home Mission work within the bounds of the Synod of New York to conform to the deliverance of the General Assembly, Chicago, 1914:

"Each Presbytery and Synod shall have the right of initiation, direction and control as to Home Mission work within its bounds, as to choice and location of appointees and as to the compensation of such appointees within the limits of the Board's appropriation."

Second: It secures to the Presbyteries and Synod autonomy in the expenditure of funds raised for Home Mission work within the bounds of the Presbyteries and Synod.

Third: It provides for greater unity in our Home Mission work and a larger measure of co-operation among the Home Mission forces working in the Synod.

Fourth: It reduces the expense of administration by eliminating the office of Treasurer with the salary and attendant expenses connected with the office.

The Agreement, having been approved and signed by the Committee representing the Executive Commission of the Synod, the Home Board and the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, became effective April 1st.

The operation of our work on the basis of the Agreement, above referred to, made necessary certain changes in our rules. It was not possible for us to wait for the action of the Synod upon these changes, and we have been conducting the work since the first of April on the assumption that they will be authorized by Synod at its first session. We are presenting herewith the Rules revised to conform with the Agreement between the Synodical Home Missions Committee and the Board of Home Missions, Appendix B. It should be said that your Committee did not undertake to revise the Rules in general, but only in so far as revision was made necessary by the adoption of the Agreement with the Home Board. This revision has been sent out to all the members of the Permanent Committee with the request that they suggest to the Chairman any changes desired by their respective Presbyteries.

Since the adoption of the Agreement the Presbyteries of Syracuse and Hudson have taken action whereby their funds are handled through the general treasury in the same manner as is the case with other co-operating Presbyteries.

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL.

Your Chairman represented the Synod, as per rule No. 34 of plan, in the Home Missions Council at St. Louis in February of the current year. The expenses were borne by the Board of Home Missions. Attention should be called to rule No. 32 (revised plan), so that the Synod may be fully informed that the Chairman of your Committee is representing the Synod at this Council.

GROUP CONFERENCES.

The Executive Committee through the Synodical Superintendent is planning for a number of group conferences in Presbyteries of the Synod during the approaching winter. The aim of these conferences is to get before our churches as fully and as emphatically as possible the work of the two great Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and at the same time to present the efficiency plans for financing the work of the local churches. It is well known that there are a number of the churches which for various reasons are largely neglected in the matter of the presentation to them of the work of the Church at large. Our desire in these conferences is to reach more particularly the neglected churches, the plan being to conduct a Sunday Field Day in the Presbytery when the representative of the Foreign Board, the representative of the Home Board, and the Synodical Superintendent, together with the stronger men of the Presbytery, will occupy by way of exchange the pulpits of the entire Presbytery for one service. At the same time they will seek to get full and strong representation from the churches to the conferences to be held the days following. These conferences will be arranged for small groups of the churches which can reach the central point with little difficulty. Two or more sessions will be held each day, at which time there will be addresses on Home Missions and Foreign Missions, with a very full conference on the educational and financial methods that have been used successfully throughout the Church. The Synodical Superintendent has arranged for such group conferences in six of the Presbyteries, giving a week to each one of the six. The two Boards co-operate very cordially.

EVANGELISM.

Your Committee has sought to conduct all its field work with a view to the evangelization of the unsaved, the developing of a deeper spiritual life on the part of our churches, and the enlistment of enlarging numbers of our people in Christian service. There has been, however, no distinct evangelistic movement undertaken during the year, although your Com-

mittee has been in communication with the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism and have sought to arrange for some evangelistic organization within the Synod. Your Committee and Secretary Mahy are now at work planning for a Presbyterial Conference, somewhat after the fashion of the group conferences referred to above, and we are very hopeful that a movement may result that will call the attention of our Synod in a large way to the importance of the work of evangelization.

EVERY MEMBER PLAN.

During the course of the year the Moderator of the Synod sent a communication to your Committee asking them to accept the responsibility of the work of the Committee on the Every Member Plan for the Synod, which appointment was accepted and the duties performed as our time would permit. The work of this Committee has been so largely represented in the work of your Synodical Superintendent that we have now to report that a very large proportion of our churches have adopted the Every Member Plan, and it is due in part no doubt to the wide adoption of this plan, that we are able to report the largely increased contributions toward the Benevolences of the church, which have already been set forth in this report. During the year our Committee has co-operated with the Assembly's Committee on the Every Member Plan in conducting group conferences in two of the Presbyteries, and with your approval we shall accept the invitation of the Assembly's Committee to attend and to follow up the great conventions of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the cities of Buffalo, Albany, Syracuse, Binghamton, New York and Brooklyn.

COLORED PEOPLE IN THE NORTH.

Pending the action of the General Assembly in the matter of work among the negroes of the North by the Board of Missions for Freedmen, no action on this work, recommendations for which you committed to us at the Synod of 1912, has been taken, as per reports of 1913 and 1914. The Assembly of this year has taken action committing the work among colored people of the North to the Freedmen's Board. The Board communicated with us inquiring whether we, as a Self-supporting Synod, propose to look after the colored work within our bounds. If not, whether we will consent to the Board of Missions for Freedmen taking up such work as may be recommended from time to time by our different Presbyteries.

The other matter which has been before your Committee is that of the employment of a Superintendent of colored work in the State. Concerning these two matters your Committee would recommend:

First: That such Presbyteries as desire the Board of Missions for Freedmen to conduct work within their bounds shall be permitted to do so through the Synodical Home Missions Committee.

Second: It is our judgment that the work for colored people within this Synod does not call for the engagement of a Superintendent, but we would recommend that your Committee be authorized to co-operate with some other Synod or Synods in the engagement of a capable colored missionary or evangelist, if in their judgment a situation should arise that would seem to justify such action. Pending an appointment of that character, we will endeavor to handle this in connection with our work for foreign people.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Your Committee is presenting herewith an exhibit of the expenditures in relation to the appropriations of the year just passed. On account of the change of Treasurer in the middle of the year it is not possible for us to present as complete a statement and as careful analysis as we shall hope to do another year when all the records will be in the office of the Synodical Superintendent, and yet we hope that the appended tabulation will show sufficiently clear just how the money you have placed in our hands has been administered.

EXHIBIT OF EXPENSES WITH RELATION TO APPROPRIATION.

ADMINISTRATION

			Unexpended Balance
Appropriation		2600.00	
Expenditures—			
Executive Committee	22.00		
N. Y. & Troy offices.	1491.42	1513.42	\$1086.58

PUBLICITY

Appropriation		400.00	
Expenditures	333.91	333.91	\$66.09

DEPARTMENTS;

SUPERINTENDENT

Appropriation		3500.00	
Expenditures—			
For Salary	3000.00		
Traveling Expenses ..	429.85		
Collected on field ...	331.86	97.99	3097.99
			\$402.01

WORK FOR FOREIGN PEOPLE

Appropriation		1500.00	
Expenditures—			
Salary	1200.00		
Traveling Expenses ..	126.51		
Collected on field ..	32.50	94.01	\$1294.01
			\$205.99

ADIRONDACK WORK

Appropriation. \$3500.00			
Special Gift.. 1000.00		\$4500.00	
Expenditures—			
Salaries	3599.29		
Traveling Expenses. 539.70			
Collected on field... 526.20	13.50	3612.79	\$887.21

CHURCH EXTENSION

Appropriation		1800.00	
Expenditures—			
Salary	1500.00		
Traveling Expenses. 142.87			
Collected on field... 260.33	+117.46	1382.54	\$417.54

EMERGENCY FUND

Appropriated		2000.00	
Expended	395.82	395.82	\$1604.18

COMMISSIONS

Appropriated		20,000.00	
Expended		18,331.78	\$1668.22

NOTE.—In the statement above setting out the appropriations for 1914 for Administrative Expenses, we have combined the appropriations for the General Secretary and Treasurer, the Executive Committee, the Office Expenses and one-half of the appropriation made for the expenses of the Synodical Superintendent. In the item "Publicity" all printing is included.

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL.

In January, 1915, two conferences were held at Saratoga and Olean by the National Home Missions Council, representing the denominational Boards. As one result there was proposed a Home Missions Council of New York State which met on the call of an ad interim committee in New York on March 2nd. Dr. W. A. Granger, State President for the Baptist Church was elected Chairman and Rev. Warren H. Wilson, Secretary. The body was composed of Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, Reformed and Presbyterian representatives.

Two lines of work were proposed and two committees were appointed which are now to report at an early meeting. First, a committee to consider the proposal of a State Secretary for Country Churches who should work among the Rural congregations of all the denominations engaged. It was recognized by all that this would be an economy and a help to the various Home Mission agents if the right man could be secured and his salary provided.

The second committee appointed was to take measures to provide a State Survey of Country Churches.

The work of the Survey Committee has resulted in a social survey of Madison County in which Syracuse and Colgate Universities did the work through their departments of Sociology. This survey is being prepared for publication at their request, by the Presbyterian Home Board, Country Church Work.

Following the survey there will be held in Madison County a Simultaneous County Evangelistic Campaign in November. This campaign is under the leadership of Dr. Silas E. Persons of Cazenovia. It is proposed that in every school district of this county there should be a preacher during the two weeks selected in the month while Rev. W. A. Sunday is preaching in Syracuse.

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DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

SYNODICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND EVANGELISM.

The Synodical Superintendent's report shows that he has been active along the various lines of the work of his office.

As Executive Secretary of the Committee he has been of much service in the preparation of the Agreement with the Home Board, its presentation to the Presbyteries for favorable consideration, and as the link between the Board of Home Missions and the Presbyteries since the beginning of the operation of the Agreement.

During the year the Church Extension Board, Incorporated, of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, requested your Committee to assist in securing an Executive Secretary for their work. In consideration of the great opportunity which the City of Brooklyn presents for aggressive work—a field with larger and more varied needs than is to be found perhaps anywhere else in the church; the changing character of the population; the extension of the rapid transit systems; the great influx of foreign speaking people; the rapidly growing newer sections of the City, there is a challenge to the Presbytery, such is not often made to any group of churches. The Presbytery of Brooklyn through its Board of Church Extension assured us that they had resolved upon and were ready to undertake a vigorous and aggressive campaign of Home Mission work within their bounds. Their policy includes the building up of weaker churches, the occupying of new fields, and the evangelization of foreign speaking people, requiring a united effort on the part of the entire Presbytery. Your Committee gladly co-operated with the Presbytery of Brooklyn, through its Church Extension Board, and offered the services of the Synodical Superintendent to assist in securing an Executive Secretary. Such an officer was found in the person of the Rev. Robert W. Anthony, for three years assistant pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Church, and for the past few years pastor of the Glenville Presbyterian Church, in the City of Cleveland. Both the Church Extension Board and the Presbytery of Brooklyn have received Mr. Anthony with enthusiasm, and have assured him of their expectation to co-operate with him most cordially in the building up of a great church extension work.

The Brooklyn Church Extension Board provided for the expense connected with the work of securing Mr. Anthony, and have also provided for financing the work with individual contributions, which will greatly enlarge their income above former contributions for Synodical and National work.

The Synodical Superintendent reports to us continued activities in his department of finance and evangelism. He has met with a number of churches in evangelistic campaigns, established financial systems in churches, co-operated in conferences of pastors and groups and with officers of the churches, having met during the year 41 different congregations, in 17 Presbyteries, at which he gave 102 addresses and sermons, aside from unnumbered conferences with pastors and officers. He has co-operated in conferences to the number of 50 in groups of congregations or officers of the church, and has attended and addressed meetings of 10 Presbyteries.

In the matter of Vacancy and Supply we would report that a large number of our Presbyteries are co-operating with the Assembly's Committee on Vacancy and Supply, and the policy of your Committee is not to interfere with such Presbyteries as are following this plan, but to render such assistance as we may be able on the application of Presbyteries. There have, however, been a number of calls for assistance in securing pastors for vacant churches. We find it not at all difficult to get men, but it is exceedingly difficult to get strong, aggressive men for the churches that present no challenge to a minister's imagination or ability. Your Committee would therefore urge the Presbyteries to do all in their power to maintain the dignity of the position of the minister in the Home Mission field. There is in our judgment no reason why a Home Missionary should not be held in as high regard as a Foreign Missionary. It is with great regret that we are compelled to say that the Home Missionary is not so regarded. Indeed he does not thus regard his own position, as would appear in the fact that usually he is unwilling to have his name appear in printed

records as the pastor of a church that is receiving aid. It is of course greatly to the credit of one who is engaged in Home Missionary work to bring his church to a position of self-support. Yet it should not reflect upon him in any sense that he is a pastor of a church that receives part of its support from the contributions of the church at large. We are hopeful that the payment of larger salaries will have somewhat to do with the raising of the standard of the character of men engaged in Home Missionary work, and that the time may rapidly come when the Home Missionary will regard himself, and the church will regard him, as occupying a position as dignified as that of the foreign missionary, for we are convinced that his work requires a similar measure of self-sacrifice and devotion.

It is quite probable that we may not be able to secure for our Home Missionary this high position of dignity so long as he is placed in charge of a very small work with other competing small churches of his own and other denominations in the same limited community. We therefore repeat the recommendation of last year, that so far as possible Presbyteries seek to centralize parishes, and to guard against the duplication of evangelical work within their bounds.

A year ago your Committee authorized us to secure reports from the congregations so far as possible on the blank, the form of which was approved by you. We have sent out these reports regularly each quarter to pastors of churches receiving aid, except that in some cases the blanks have been sent to the Chairmen of the Committees of Presbytery. We have received a large number of reports sufficient to show the trend of the work, and yet not in sufficient numbers to give an accurate report of the state of our work. (See Appendix C.) It would appear to be quite important that the Committee directing a great Home Mission work such as we are doing in the Synod of New York should be able to provide the Presbyteries with a complete exhibit of the work of the men who are participating in the grants that are made by them. We therefore would call the attention of the Chairmen to the rule in our revised plan whereby it is made mandatory that these reports be sent in quarterly, the penalty being that the men will fail to participate in the grant of the succeeding quarter unless they have made their report. It should be said that these reports are not for the purpose of criticism, yet the Presbyteries which are responsible for making these grants from year to year should certainly have as full and accurate knowledge of the state of the work as it is possible for them to obtain, and it is for this purpose that these reports are sought.

A year ago the Synod adopted a plan presented by this Committee for the adjustment of salaries upon a basis of \$1,000 per year, and for the merging of two or more evangelical churches in over-churched districts. The plan contained the recommendation that the Synod appoint a Committee that would have in charge a campaign for the purpose of presenting throughout our Presbyteries the need of more adequate salaries in many of our congregations. It failed, however, to appoint such a Committee. Notwithstanding this failure, many of the Presbyteries have made their grants to churches on the basis of the \$1,000 standard, and in not a few instances the churches have responded by subscribing fully half of the increase that was sought. Your Committee feels that it is necessary for us to hold to this higher standard of salary if we are to get the character of ministers which we need, and would urge upon Presbyteries to co-operate in every way possible with the congregations in enlarging this support of the ministers of the Gospel.

WORK FOR FOREIGN PEOPLE.

Your Committee has seldom, if ever, read a report more hopeful and encouraging, or which reveals a greater devotion of the Secretary in charge, or such joy in his work, as that which appears in the report of the Secretary in charge of the Work for Foreign People. It is but a short time since the Secretary was required to report year by year concerning the same few Missions, Poughkeepsie, Schenectady, Lockport and Auburn. The report of a year ago was much more optimistic in its tone, and gave promise of larger things for the future. This promise has been abundantly fulfilled throughout the year just closing. It is a little more than a year since your Secretary in reply to the question as to the

most discouraging feature of the Foreign Work said without a moment's hesitation, "The apathy of our Churches toward their Foreign neighbors." In the present report he rejoices in the attitude of many churches and ministers, and instead of recording merely the work above, he reports a large number of centers where work has been taken up with deep interest on the part of our churches, together with a number of inquiries which he has not been able as yet to investigate.

It should be remembered that this increase of work has come upon the initiative of the churches, although doubtless the Secretary has done much to develop such interest. But while this situation exists it is worth our while to note the very much larger opportunity that awaits the churches that are really alive to their privilege. To quote from his report concerning the Italian work in one of these fields, where the Italian minister has been alone in his work during the entire summer, the missionary writes, that "on Friday, July 23rd, he had in attendance 121. On Monday, July 26th, there were only 27 present. This because of a circular letter by the priest denouncing the work." He continues, "I answered with a stronger letter and in two weeks I count more than 125. I start my school always at 9:30 sharp. After the morning prayer I spend thirty minutes in teaching the Italian language. Then we sing a few religious songs without a piano, because there was no one to play it. Then after thirty minutes outdoor recreation I teach them about our Bible, the Ten Commandments, and a few verses of the Psalms. Every Sunday afternoon we have our usual school, four times each week from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. I teach English to some Italians. Almost every afternoon I call on our Christian families. Two times a week I visit the hospitals. This beautiful and great work cost me nearly \$40.00 to buy flowers and oranges for the sick and car fare, but I confess to be happy for what I have spent for such purposes. I know God will help me in other ways. Besides our services on Thursday and Sundays we had few open air meetings with good results." Your Secretary in commenting upon this statement writes, "A successful summer, but what an opportunity some young Christians lost! In a great city no helper or teacher or pianist was found."

During the year at the beginning of the operation of our Agreement with the Board of Home Missions, the Foreign Work that had been conducted by the Board of Home Missions within certain Presbyteries was turned over to our Committee to administer. Buffalo, New York, Rochester and Westchester Presbyteries continue to administer their work direct through the Board of Home Missions. This action laid upon us the responsibility for the old work in Brooklyn Presbytery for Italians in the Franklin Avenue Church and for the Syrians in the Syrian Protestant Congregation of Brooklyn. In order that the growth of the work may be exhibited, we present in parallel columns the work that was in operation a year and a half ago and the present work.

October, 1915.

Schenectady, Italian
Auburn, Italian
Lockport, Italian
Franklin Ave., B'klyn, Italian
Syrian Protestant, Brooklyn
South Church, Brooklyn, Italian
Elton Street, Brooklyn, Italian
Astoria, Bohemian
Nyack, Italian
Middletown, Italian
Seneca Falls, Italian
Rome, Italian
Brownsville, Jewish
Binghamton, Italian
Syracuse, Armenian
Syracuse, Italian
Investigation work in; North River
Presbytery, Italian
Gloversville, Bohemian

April, 1914.

Schenectady, Italian
Auburn, Italian
Lockport, Italian
Poughkeepsie, Italian
Franklin Ave., B'klyn, Italian
Syrian Protestant, Brooklyn

During the year our Committee has had the services of a colporteur provided by the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, whom we have used in a manner similar to the colporteur-evangelist work reported a year ago, or in the investigation or surveying of fields that were brought to our attention. For example the churches of Gloversville had upon their hearts the burden of an effort to reach the Slavs of that City. Your Secretary visited the field, and upon the request of the Presbytery sent to Gloversville a young man, Mr. John A. Valis, who spent the months of June, July and August and a part of September in a careful study of the Slavs of the community. He located thirty Bohemian families, and conducted services every Sunday in the Chapel with a small attendance. During the latter part of his service he discovered a greater desire on the part of the Slovaks for the Gospel. The chief result in his work is the enlisting of the church's interest in its Slavic neighbors, gathering in five or six Bohemian children to its school, and securing the names of those who are in sympathy with our aim to give them the Gospel. At the conclusion of his term of service Mr. Valis returned to his studies, and his three months' investigation has shown our Committee and the Gloversville church that the situation does not at present call for the establishment of a permanent work, but the congregation agrees to follow up with care the summer's work.

Special attention ought to be called to the work in Hudson Presbytery where at two points the evangelization of the Italians has been carried on with very great success. In May of 1914 work was begun at Nyack in that Presbytery. The Italian colonies were not large, but there were a number of groups, and the Session of the Nyack Church were deeply interested in bringing the Gospel to them. Work was begun by the Rev. O. B. Neyroz, and administrative responsibility assumed by the Nyack Church. He pressed the work vigorously, and in September of 1914 twenty-seven members were welcomed into the fellowship of the Church. A great deal of social work was done, the feud spirit among the different strains of Italians was suppressed, and before the conclusion of the year 66 Italian men were received into the Church, concerning whom one of the elders remarked that they were the equal in every regard of the men of the Nyack congregation. Mr. Neyroz was released from Nyack giving way to Mr. J. O. B. Villante in order that he might take up the more promising work in Middletown, where for about a year English services had been conducted in the Italian community and for the Italian children. Your Secretary and Mr. Neyroz together with the leaders of the Webb Horton Church made a very careful survey of the field and engaged Mr. Neyroz to begin the work on the first of March. Mr. Allen writes, "When I was there in June I was amazed at the condition of the Mission compared with what I had seen on my last visit in March. There was an air of enthusiasm. Many men were present at the afternoon service. One man said to me, 'We have now 250 here, we could have 500 if we had a Church.'" The exaggeration reveals the enthusiasm of the Italians. The Mission was begun on one of the floors of an old school building, but they were deprived of this place of meeting about the first of July. Since that time the Webb Horton Church has made active efforts to obtain a lot and erect a building for these people, and it is greatly to be hoped that within a few months they will be well housed and equipped for an enlarged usefulness.

It might be remarked in this connection that the Presbytery of Cayuga has plans for enlarging the building for their Italian Mission in Auburn, having the funds in hand for such work, and it is hopeful to know that the Italians themselves have subscribed generously to this building enterprise. The Presbytery of Brooklyn likewise is planning to make building provisions for the Syrian Protestant congregation, the work of which has been greatly handicapped for the want of a proper place of meeting.

The coming to the Presbytery of Brooklyn of the Rev. R. W. Anthony as Executive Secretary of the Board of Church Extension will make it possible to give to the foreign work in that City very careful supervision, and to lay before the Presbytery and upon the hearts of the churches of the Presbytery the tremendous call which is presented by the thousands that are crossing from Manhattan into the territory of Brooklyn Presbytery.

Mr. Allen has prepared and published during the past year a pamphlet

on the Work for Foreign People which he distributed to all pastors of the Synod. Additional copies may be had on application either to Mr. Allen or to the office of the Synodical Superintendent.

In concluding his report of the work for the year your Secretary says: "I desire to express my gratitude to God for His goodness and help, and to the many who have co-operated to make the work of the year successful. But there is far more to be done. We can realize our Ideals only as the American Christian hears the call of his foreign neighbor, and makes an adequate attempt to bring him to Christ. Given a fractional part of the equipment which Americans put into their own Church work, and we can, with God's blessing, show to the Synod the effective power of the Gospel for every race."

LUMBER CAMP WORK.

Your Committee is glad to present the report of a successful year in the lumber camps.

Very shortly following the meeting of a year ago we received a gift of \$1000 from a member of the Lafayette Avenue Church, in Brooklyn Presbytery, which was made for the purpose of engaging an additional worker, thus making it possible for us to enlarge the force at work in the Adirondacks without overdrawing the budget adopted by you. We have therefore had at work, associated with Mr. Maddox, three men who have given their time to that great field. These men have conducted services with more or less regularity in a number of the settlements, such as McKeever, Otter Lake, Onchiota, Rainbow Sanitorium, Brandreth Station, Childwold, Axton and Morehouseville, having located definitely more than 150 camps, in 120 of which they have conducted services with more or less frequency, and in which they have distributed tons of literature, and over a hundred dollars' worth of Bibles and parts of Bibles in many tongues, a gift from the American Bible Society. They have followed a score of drives where they have had good opportunity to present to the men the message of the Gospel.

The Rev. J. A. Thoms, M.D., concluded his work with the Committee at the beginning of the calendar year.

The Rev. C. W. Mason, then Pastor of the Jamesville Church in the Presbytery of Syracuse, and a woodsman of rare experience, was engaged to give his full time to the work beginning the first of February. We regret to state that he was laid aside for a portion of his time with a severe attack of pneumonia, but has fully recovered, and is now making very difficult trips in company with a pack animal which he uses to carry his duffle.

Mr. E. K. Coughran was engaged at the beginning of this Synodical year for the work at McKeever and surrounding camps, and rendered very acceptable service until about the first of July when he returned to his college work. Mr. Melville G. Montgomery, a student at Union Seminary, took up Mr. Coughran's work, and was on the field during the summer. He left the work with arrangements made for regular preaching during the summer in Pinney Settlement.

The Rev. Charles Atwood of St. Lawrence Presbytery has been giving a large part of his time to the work of the camps, and has the most hearty endorsement of your Secretary as an efficient and useful member of the force.

At the instance of Secretary Maddox, the Young Men's Christian Association has begun negotiations looking toward the establishment of work at some point in the section covered by our workers, which if it materializes will provide for a building with restaurant and rooms, so that the men who are leaving the camps temporarily may find more suitable accommodations than they have been accustomed to find in the hotels, which are the curse of the settlements. Your Committee has gladly endorsed this Movement, and has assured the Y. M. C. A. that they may depend upon our most hearty co-operation in every way possible. A more careful investigation of the field presents a parish which our Mission is expected to serve comprising 14,000 square miles, some of which is well served by railroads, but a large part of it very difficult to travel, and especially difficult during the winter

months. Our Missionaries have climbed through snow and ice where it was necessary for them to use an ax to cut foot and hand holds to do the climbing. They have located at least 150 camps, aside from the settlements of which there are a large number. It must be seen, therefore, at a glance, that it is not possible for the two men who are giving their full time to the work, and the other two who are irregularly employed, to meet their parishioners with any degree of frequency. Your Secretary feels that there should be at least one man for every twenty-five camps, and your Committee agrees that such a number of camps would provide abundant work to challenge the time and strength of any man, and at the same time make it possible for one to reach camps with such frequency that he could become intimately acquainted with the men, and thus be able to render to them a very much larger service than is possible when he can meet them but once or twice a year.

We therefore recommend that the work of the Adirondack lumber camps be given your serious consideration, and that you authorize an expenditure of such an amount of money as will more adequately meet the situation which your Secretary has presented. To that end we present an increase in our budget provision for the forthcoming year.

Mr. Maddox' report in full will be printed for distribution throughout the Synod.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Mr. Dean is not only the Secretary in charge, but is also rendering all the service that the Synod is giving in the Department of Church Extension.

Following the meeting of the Synod a year ago there came to our office requests for Mr. Dean's time in sufficient numbers to keep him busy throughout the entire year. And even though his program is a difficult one to arrange, on account of the fact that churches may have secured pastors before his appointment came due, yet his time has been fully, and we believe most profitably, occupied. He assures us that the response on the part of the Presbyteries and congregations has been most cordial and that the results have abundantly justified his expenditure of time and energy on, perhaps, all of the churches with which he has worked.

During the year he has assisted churches in the Presbyteries of Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Columbia, Hudson, Niagara, Syracuse and Utica, and while in not every case did he serve along the particular lines which we had proposed in the beginning, yet the larger part of his time was spent following the plan adopted by you, and the other portion, we have no doubt he has spent to a similar good purpose. In the Presbytery of Utica he served in uniting two churches into a single charge, wherein the Presbytery believes, and we agree, that a much better service will be rendered, and at the same time your Committee will be saved an expenditure of considerable money each year. In the Presbytery of Hudson his services likewise will result in combining two churches into a single pastorate. In the Presbytery of Columbia a very difficult situation was handled so wisely by him that we anticipate a permanent settlement of one man for a group of three churches. Similar good results have issued from Mr. Dean's work wherever he has gone. His versatility, his preaching ability, his untiring energy and his sunny optimism commend him so strongly to churches wherever he goes, that he is not only welcome by them, but cannot fail to do them a good service. It might not be amiss at this point to remind the Synod that in giving the services of Mr. Dean to these smaller churches, we are permitting them to have the services of a man who is of such a caliber as the larger churches are following twelve months throughout the year. Certainly we ought not to begrudge the added expense to our Synodical work which such service requires. Mr. Dean presents the following points as some conclusions that he has reached in his year's work.

First: That by the careful working of the Every Member Plan, the plan which he has been introducing in most of the churches that he has served, all of the aid-receiving churches can become more efficient and co-operate in an effort to reach the salary standard in the Synod, and many of them under able leadership can be brought to a position of self-support. The plan, however, must be not only introduced but worked, and the members

urged to see how much they can give each year in order to achieve such success.

Second: The Churches need a larger vision of missionary enterprise outside of the local parish. Missionary education is sorely needed in the Home Mission churches. The churches that have kept up some interest in missionary work here made the largest response to current expenses and benevolences.

Third: A church should not be allowed to die in a community. While there is life and form, effort should be made to unite with some other denomination in order to conserve the religious force of the members.

Fourth: A decadent church building is not of necessity direct evidence of decadent religious life in the community. Often it is an evidence of a depleted population.

Fifth: The one-church-community, where there were formerly two or more churches presents a great opportunity, and requires the wise and most efficient leadership to unite the elements into one force.

Your Committee respectfully submits the above report of the past year for your information, and invites you to consider with it the resolutions proposed and adopted at the meeting of the Permanent Committee on October 19th, but too late for printing in this report.

By the Permanent Committee,

GEORGE P. CONARD, *Chairman.*

Resolutions

The following resolutions presented by Permanent Committee were adopted by the Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be received and approved by Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be printed in the minutes of Synod in the form in which it has received Synod's approval, with such accompanying resolutions as may be adopted by the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the report of the former Treasurer of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, having been audited by a chartered Public Accountant and having received the approval of the Permanent Committee, hereby be given the cordial approval of Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod hereby expresses its hearty approval of the action of the Permanent Committee in effecting arrangements with the Home Board under the resolution appearing on Page 45 of minutes of Synod held at Middletown, N. Y., October, 1914, reading as follows:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Synodical Home Missions be empowered to confer with the Assembly's Board of Home Missions, and if the way be clear to arrange for the establishment of direct financial relations in conformance with the plan adopted by the Assembly of 1914, which provides for self administration by Synods and Presbyteries in Home Mission work."

5. *Resolved*, That the communication from the Board of Missions for Freedmen be answered in effect that "Such Presbyteries as desire the Board of Missions for Freedmen to conduct work within their bounds shall most cordially be permitted to do so through the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions.

6. *Resolved*, That from our present point of view the situation in the Synod does not call for the appointment of a Superintendent for colored work.

7. *Resolved*, That while from a careful review of the situation Synod does not desire its Committee on Synodical Home Missions to appoint a Superintendent for colored work exclusively within the State of New York, nevertheless, Synod does hereby authorize the Committee to co-operate with some other Synod or Synods in the engagement of a suitable Missionary or Evangelist, when in its judgment the services of such a field worker can be utilized to the best advantage.

8. *Resolved*, That the organization of a State Home Missions Council for New York State be approved, and that the Permanent Committee on

Synodical Home Missions be authorized to appoint the necessary representatives to look after the State Presbyterian interests.

9. *Resolved*, That the Synod approve the amendments to the rules for Synodical Home Missions as presented in the report of the Permanent Committee.

10. *Resolved*, That the Synod appropriate for its work through the administrative agency of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions for nine months beginning October 1st, the respective amounts which on the yearly basis would be as follows:

Commissions, General	\$25,000.00
" Foreign Work	13,000.00
Administrative Expense	1,850.00
Publicity	400.00

Departments of:

Synodical Superintendent	4,500.00
Work for Foreign People	1,500.00
Adirondack Work	5,550.00
Church Extension Work	2,500.00
Emergency Fund	5,000.00

Total	\$59,300.00
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11. *Resolved*, That the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to prepare and present a budget at its April Meeting, for the period of one year beginning July 1st, 1916 the same to be presented in due course to the Synod of 1916 for consideration and approval.

12. *Resolved*, That the election of Mr. G. P. Conard as Chairman of the Permanent Committee for term expiring 1917 be approved.

13. *Resolved*, That the election of Rev. U. L. Mackey as Synodical Superintendent for term expiring 1917 be approved.

14. *Resolved*, That the election of Hon. W. S. Bennet as Member of Permanent Committee for term expiring 1918 be approved.

15. *Resolved*, That the election of Mr. Waldo Hutchins, Member of Permanent Committee for term expiring 1918 be approved.

Appendices

APPENDIX A.

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE, N. Y. STATE, APRIL 1, 1915.

The following agreement is hereby adopted by the Board of Home Missions and the Synodical Home Missions Committee, New York State having been presented by committees representing the Board of Home Missions and the Synodical Home Missions Committee, in Council with a Committee from the Executive Commission of the Synod of New York.

1. BASIS.

This agreement is in harmony with and is based upon the action of General Assembly in its plan for the reorganization of the Board of Home Missions (Minutes of 1914, page 134, Article III, Section 1) as follows:—

“Each Presbytery and Synod shall have the right of initiation, direction and control as to Home Mission work within its bounds, as to choice and location of appointees and as to the compensation of such appointees within the limits of the Board's appropriation.”

II. AUTHORIZATION.

Such an agreement is authorized by the Synod of New York (Minutes of 1914, page 45, Resolution V, second paragraph) as follows:—

“*Resolved:* That the Committee of Synodical Home Missions be empowered to confer with the Assembly's Board of Home Missions, and if the way be clear to arrange for the establishment of direct financial relations in conformance with the plan adopted by the Assembly of 1914, which provides for self administration by Synods and Presbyteries in Home Mission work.”

III. ADMINISTRATION.

The agreement proposes no change in the Synod's plan for the administration of its work. The Synod will continue as at present, under the responsibility, through its own and its presbyterial committees, of initiating new work, appointing and directing its workers, and deciding upon the annual appropriation, and its distribution in its several grants. The Synod remains at liberty to authorize such changes in its plan of administration as in its judgment may be for the good of the work.

IV. CONCERNING THE FUNDS.

All funds raised by the Synod's Committee, or the Board of Home Missions within the Synod of New York, shall be paid into the Treasury

of the Board. This rule shall apply to contributions of whatever character. Such as have been specifically designated shall be used for the particular work for which they have been designed. There shall be an annual conference between the Synod's Committee and the Board of Home Missions at which matters of mutual interest shall be considered, and at which the Synod's Committee shall present to the Board of Home Missions the aggregate of the appropriations, as determined by it and the Presbyterial Committees, which will be needed for the conduct of the work in the Synod during the ensuing year. In preparing this schedule of appropriations the Committee will be expected to advise with the Board of Home Missions as to the general financial situation of the Board, and particularly as to the contributions of the Synod of New York to Home Mission objects. In the event that the amount requested for appropriation for the work in the Synod of New York be greater than the average annual amount of undesignated contributions of the Synod for Home Mission work, as determined by the nearest normal year preceding, the Board's approval of the request will be necessary before the appropriation will be made. The appropriation thus filed and authorized by the Synod shall limit the expenditures of the Synod's Committee for the year.

V. PAYMENTS.

The Commissions of the Missionaries shall be issued by the Synod, and a certified list of all grants to Missionaries and other employees, made by the Synod's Committee, shall be sent on the first day of each month to the Board of Home Missions, and all vouchers in accordance with such certified list shall be paid according to the rules of the Board. The Board will also honor the vouchers for salaries of general workers and requisitions for other expenses of the Synod's work, when properly signed and approved by the Synod's Committee, except that in no case shall the total of commissions and vouchers exceed the amount of appropriation for the year.

VI. CO-OPERATION.

It shall be the duty of the Board's Secretaries and other representatives and of the Synod's Committee to advise together in the conduct of the work within the bounds of the Synod, and to co-operate in the endeavor to increase the zeal and enthusiasm of the Synod in Home Mission work, both State and National.

This agreement becomes operative April 1, 1915.

The Board of Home Missions,
(Signed)

JOHN DIXON, *Sec'y.*

The Synodical Home Missions Committee,
(Signed)

G. P. CONARD, *Chairman.*

The Executive Commission,
(Signed)

WALTER ROCKWOOD FERRIS, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX B.

SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Adopted by Synod of New York, October, 1908. Effective October 1, 1909.

Revised to conform to the Agreement between the Board of Home Missions and the Synodical Home Missions Committee, New York State. Adopted by the Synod of 1915.

1. The Synod of New York, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, has placed the administration of Home Mission work within the bounds of the State of New York in the hands of a Committee, created for that purpose, to be known as the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions in the Synod of New York. Such Committee to operate under the following plan, which provides for an organization as follows:

2. A Committee of one Elder in each Church (see Section No. 41).

3. A Committee on Synodical Home Missions in each Presbytery (see Secs. Nos. 10, 11, 12).

4. A Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, its Executive Committee and officers (see Secs. Nos. 27, 28).

OBJECT.

The object shall be:

5. To administer the work of Home Missions in the State of New York, in conformity with the Assembly's plan for Self-Supporting Synods and to co-operate with and assist the Board of Home Missions in its work outside of the State.

6. To co-operate with each Presbytery in aiding needy churches in organizing new churches, and in prosecuting mission work where needed and not otherwise provided for.

7. To render assistance to Committees of Presbyteries in supplying ministers for vacant churches, unless otherwise provided for (see Sec. No. 37).

8. To raise funds for the work of Home Missions and to distribute them within the State of New York, as hereinafter provided.

9. To collect complete statistics of the work of Home Missions and Church Extension in the State of New York, and to report the same to the Synod, and through the proper channels to the General Assembly.

COMMITTEE OF PRESBYTERY.

10. Each Presbytery shall have the care of this work within its bounds and shall appoint a Committee on Home Missions, which shall supervise it; said committee to be constituted so far as practicable with a view to permanency.

11. The Presbytery shall receive and consider all applications for aid after its Committee shall have reported personal investigation and conformity on the part of the various applicants to the rules which the Presbytery may have adopted to govern the matter of grants to the congregations needing aid.

12. The Committee of Presbytery shall assist vacant churches with supplies, unless the Presbytery shall have other provisions for such assistance, and shall advise with them for their welfare. It shall be responsible also for all aggressive missionary work within the bounds of the Presbytery, and shall report to the Presbytery what new fields should be occupied, and the amount needed to sustain new work.

COMMISSIONS,

13. The Presbytery shall issue regular commissions immediately after its stated meeting of April to cover annual grants made by the Presbytery. Commissions covering grants for an annual period should be effective from July first. Ad interim commissions may be issued in case of necessity by the same authority. These commissions should be made in triplicate and filed, one copy with the Chairman of the Committee of Presbytery, one copy with the Synodical Superintendent, and one copy for the missionary.

14. Commissions for temporary supplies, or for any portion of the year, should be made in the interim in the name of the stated clerk of the session, or of the Treasurer of the church aided, and for mission work in the name of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

PLEDGES.

15. Each church desiring aid should make a thorough Every Member Canvass for pledges toward the minister's support, before the Spring meeting of Presbytery, and send a list of such pledges to the Chairman of the Committee of Presbytery along with its Application for Aid.

16. Applications for Aid must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee of Presbytery at least ten days before the April meeting of Presbytery. The churches at that time, having no pastor or missionary, but expecting to apply for aid at a later date, should send to the Chairman of the Committee, a careful estimate of the amount they will probably need.

17. Every church assisted from this fund shall so far as practicable install its pastor and regularly fulfill its pledge for his support, contribute annually to the boards of the church and to Home Missions, and strive earnestly to become self-supporting.

18. Each Presbytery shall endeavor to group contiguous churches receiving aid, where there is no immediate prospect of their becoming self-supporting, and unify its mission work.

19. Ordinarily it should be required that aided churches contribute to the salary of the pastor an amount equal to an average of not less than ten cents per week per member. Exceptions shall be allowed only for a limited time, and by special vote of the Presbytery.

20. If a Presbytery employs a missionary at large to labor in its bounds, or makes an appropriation for a temporary supply to churches, when it may not be practicable to maintain a pastor, it may include the amount in its estimate for the coming year.

21. If for any reason any Presbytery does not need the whole amount appropriated for its use, the balance shall be subject to the control of the Synod's Committee.

REPORTS.

22. As of April first of each year, the Committee of Presbytery shall prepare an annual report to be considered at the Spring meeting of Presbytery and by the Presbytery promptly transmitted to the Synod's Committee. A form will be provided for this report by the Synod's Committee, which shall conform to the statistical requirements of the General Assembly.

23. Every church or missionary assisted from this fund shall be required to report quarterly to the Chairman of the Committee of Presbytery ten days prior to the first of January, April, July and October, of the condition of the work, and upon receipt and approval of such report the Chairman shall certify him to participate in the grant made for his particular field for the coming three months. Upon receipt of such certifications the Synodical Superintendent shall file the names of these pastors and missionaries with the Treasurer of the Synodical Home Missions who will make payment according to the rules of the Board of Home Missions. | |

24. Every church assisted from this fund shall confer with the Committee of Presbytery in calling pastors or supplies and shall report immediately to that Committee their action in such cases. This rule need not interfere with the action of Presbyteries working in harmony with the Assembly's Committee of Vacancy and Supply.

25. The Chairman of the Committee of Presbytery shall present to the Permanent Committee at its annual meeting a full and detailed list of applications for aid approved by the Presbytery at its Spring meeting and to the Permanent Committee or its Executive Committee all applications approved by the Presbytery at other times during the year. (See Secs. 13 and 14.)

PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

26. The Chairman of the Committee of each Presbytery on Synodical Home Missions, together with six elders to serve for a term of three years, two to be appointed annually by the Synod, shall constitute a Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions.

27. It shall be the duty of this Committee to convene semi-annually preferably in April and October of each year. The October meeting to be held on the opening day of the meeting of the Synod. At the October meeting the time of the April meeting shall be fixed.

28. The Chairman shall call a special meeting at any time upon the request of any five members, but a representation from at least ten Presbyteries shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

29. The Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions shall appoint an Executive Committee, which shall have power to act for the Permanent Committee, in the interim of its meetings. The Chairman of the Permanent Committee shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee.

30. The Executive Committee shall make a full and detailed report of its actions to the Permanent Committee at its semi-annual meetings, and shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in either the Permanent Committee or the Executive Committee during the interim.

OFFICERS.

31. The following officers of the Permanent Committee of Synodical Home Missions shall be elected by the Permanent Committee with the approval of Synod; namely Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary and Synodical Superintendent, each for terms of two years. The Chairman and Synodical Superintendent shall be elected in the odd years, the Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be elected in the even years. The salaries of all officers elected by the Permanent Committee shall be determined by that Committee and approved by Synod. Newly elected officers shall, unless it be an ad interim appointment, take office the first of November following their election.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

32. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Permanent and Executive Committees, and shall have executive oversight of the work committed to their charge. He shall represent the Synod of New York in the Home Missions Council, and in general conferences with the Board of Home Missions.

33. The Vice-Chairman shall act in the absence or the disability of the Chairman.

THE TREASURY.

34. Under the agreement with the Board of Home Missions all funds disbursed under the direction of Synod's Permanent Committee shall be handled by the Treasurer of the Home Board in conformity with the Rules of the General Assembly.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

35. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to be present at the meetings of the Permanent and Executive Committees, and perform the usual duties belonging to such office.

THE SYNODICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

36. The Synodical Superintendent shall keep in touch with the requirements of the field; counsel with the Committees of Presbytery, co-operate with them in encouraging weak churches, and secure pastors, and in general foster and develop the work throughout the State regularly supplying data to the Executive Committee, that will enable the Committee as far as possible to have a complete roster of vacant pulpits and available ministers throughout the State. The Synodical Superintendent shall act as Supervisory Officer, under the Chairman, and shall keep all records of both the Permanent Committee and Executive Committee, preparing for the Permanent Committee an annual report for presentation to the Synod, (see Sec. 27), and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by these Committees. He shall represent the Synod of New York at such conferences of Self-Supporting Synods, as may be held from time to time.

DEPARTMENTS.

37. In order properly to administer the general work of the Synod the Permanent Committee may, with the approval of the Synod, from time to time engage and authorize such Secretaries of Departments as may be found necessary. These Secretaries shall be under the direction of the Permanent Committee, and shall report regularly to it through such channels as may be provided.

APPROPRIATIONS.

38. At the April meeting of the Permanent Committee the Chairman of the Committee of Presbytery shall present an accurate report of the undesignated Home Missionary contributions of the Presbytery for the year closing March 31st preceding. On the basis of this report the appropriations for the Presbytery shall be made, and in case the Presbytery shall ask for an amount of appropriations greater than its contributions to Home Missions during its last normal year the Permanent Committee's approval of the request will be necessary before the appropriation is granted.

APPORTIONMENTS.

38. While definite apportionments to the Presbyteries are not at present considered, it should be the duty of each Committee of Presbytery to secure, if possible, from each congregation within its bounds, such contributions as will amount at least to the sum of its former contribution to the Synodical Home Missions and the Home Mission Board, and such additions to these contributions, as the increasing demands of the work seem to require.

39. It shall be the duty of the elder appointed by sessions to see that the work of Home Missions is faithfully presented to the congregation, and that appropriations be made from the benevolent budget to the Home Mission work, or, in case the congregation does not follow the budget system, two offerings should be received to take the place of the former offering for Synodical Home Missions and for the Home Mission Board.

40. No provision of this plan shall be understood to interfere with the plans of Presbyteries conducting their own Home Mission work.

41. The annual reports of the allied Presbyteries should be included in the reports of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions.

APPENDIX C.

From the incomplete reports which have been received by the Synodical Superintendent from the co-operating presbyteries the following table has been compiled.

NAME OF PRESBYTERY	Number of Churches Reporting.	Proportion of Time Reported	Number of Members	Average Attendance	Increase by Examination	Increase by Certificate	Net Gain	Teachers in S. S.	Pupils in S. S.	Contributions to Boards	Contributions to Local Budget
Binghamton.....	12	$\frac{3}{4}$	1031	742	72	49	92	99	1069	\$502.	\$6533.
Brooklyn.....	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1417	766	134	28	141	172	1917	297.	6115.
Cayuga.....	4	full	211	197	36	20	41	20	262	52.	2055.
Champlain.....											
Chemung.....	2	$\frac{5}{8}$	136	125	1	6	0	12	80	168.	1232.
Columbia.....	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	189	133	5	0	4	15	173	50.	687.
Genesee.....	2	$\frac{7}{8}$	108	111	18	7	15	15	146	62.	771.
Geneva.....	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	261	157	16	2	13	22	268	124.	1182.
Hudson.....	6	4-5	287	219	22	1	17	38	335	124.	1546.
Long Island.....	5	7-10	198	202	8	3	5 loss	21	162	138.	1161.
Lyons.....	4	$\frac{5}{8}$	298	211	0	2	11	36	315	108.	1041.
Nassau.....	5	$\frac{3}{4}$	272	202	30	29	58	33	416	229.	376.
New York.....											
Niagara.....	5	$\frac{3}{4}$	356	240	19	7	20	43	470	230.	2478.
North River.....	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	114	78	1	1	2	10	87	100.	975.
Otsego.....	8	$\frac{3}{4}$	498	441	35	4	33	55	511	307.	2838.
St. Lawrence...	10	$\frac{1}{2}$	541	511	33	6	29	65	608	115.	1776.
Steuben.....	3	5-6	442	216	51	11	33	27	255	571.	2484.
Syracuse.....	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	334	368	15	3	0	50	458	216.	1114.
Troy.....	9	$\frac{1}{2}$	520	393	35	6	39	49	471	443.	2160.
Utica.....	5	4-5	258	220	58	9	10	61	497	150.	2732.
TOTALS.....	104	64%	7471	5532	589	194	441	943	8503	\$4086	\$33256

N. B.—It should be noted that the above figures present the record for only a portion of the time of the ministers reporting. The totals present the record of 64% of the time. At the same ratio of increase in membership and contributions, the figures for the year should appear as follows:

TOTALS.....	104	full	7471	5532	920	303	630	943	8503	\$6353	\$51963
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